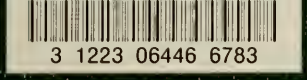
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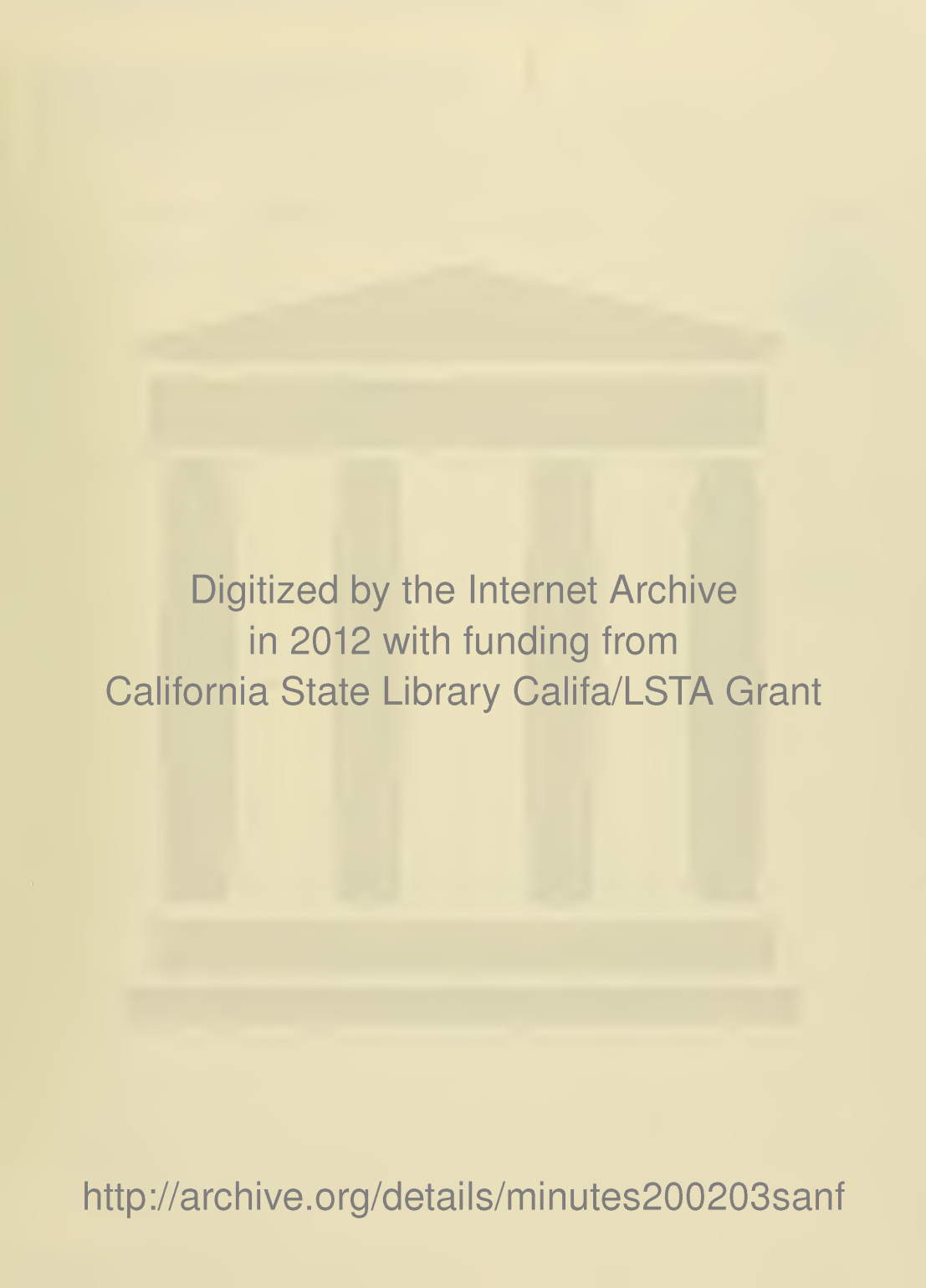
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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

February 21, 2002
Public Notices

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, February 21, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 21, 2002 at 2:12 p.m. by President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Bill Getty, Vice President

Gordon Chin

Gloria Bonilla

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

President John Murray announced that items 4E and 4G would be removed from the consent calendar and heard separately and that item 9 was removed from calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Palace of Fine Arts Building. As previously reported to the Commission, Staff has been in negotiations with both of the current tenants for some time now. On February 1, 2002, Staff sent the Exploratorium a counteroffer to their proposal of October 26, 2001. The Exploratorium has asked that we extend the deadline to respond to our counteroffer until March 13, 2002, so that their Board could fully consider the offer. We have agreed to this extension of time.

Sean Sweeney, Acting Golf Director and Dan Brieasach, Superintendent at Harding Park volunteered their services at the PGA Tour event held this past week at San Diego's MUNI golf course Torrey Pines. They were able to work with PGA and golf course staff and experience the issues surrounding golf course maintenance at a PGA event. The experience will provide the Department with a better understanding of

the resources needed for a Tour event.

David Hochchild and staff toured several facilities to identify a potential location for the installation of a solar panel that would generate electricity for the facility. The potential sites are limited to the sunny eastern locations of the City and it was agreed that Garfield Pool would be an ideal location. David's staff and our Structural Maintenance staff are reviewing details of the proposal. Funding would be from the recently passed Solar Bond.

Brian Pangan, supervisor of the Department's Job Training Program, was actively involved in the arrest this past month of a car boosting suspect that has been plaguing visitors to Golden Gate Park for the last several months. Brian who actively works with police in the course of his job, identified and led police to the suspect in the vicinity of Stow Lake.

The Recreation and Park Department recently entered into an agreement with PUC Hetch Hetchy Water and Power to improve energy efficiency at the City's recreational facilities. The current proposed scope of work includes five different areas that will result in considerable savings in the department's gas and electricity usage. The first project already well underway is the County Fair Building where HHWP has provided the funds for lighting design and purchase of energy efficient fixtures for the building currently under renovation. Recreation and Park electricians will put up these fixtures in time for the grand re-opening in April 2002. Another project already in progress is the retrofit or replacement of 1950's boilers at eight (8) large facilities. The other three projects coming on-line include complete lighting retrofits at a dozen large facilities, furnace replacements at 30 small recreation centers, and initial exploration into a computerized lighting system to control outdoor field lighting throughout the City.

Future energy conservation projects between Recreation and Park and PUC HHWP will continue dependent on funding availability and priorities of the department. We are off to a good start."

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

From the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club, a gift of a SISIS Auto RotoRake to be used on the lawn bowling greens in Golden Gate Park.

From The Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center, and from the Friends of Recreation and Park: two play sculptures, a bronze sea turtle and a bronze starfish are being designed by Johnathan Beery and Lisa Roberson, creators of play elements for infants. Also from The Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center, a gift proposal of a community tilewall, valued at approximately $9,500.00. These gifts have received approval from the Art Commission and will be installed in the Moscone West Playground.

From Ms. Nancy Mueller, a "gift in place" of a dock finger valued at $6,200.00 for the S.F. Yacht Harbor.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

Project Insight's overnight ski trip for teens who are blind or otherwise visually impaired, to Kirkwood, Lake Tahoe, February 22 - 23, 2002. This trip will include eight teens, three staff members, and one volunteer.

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Isabel Wade with the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee discussed: 1) the public meetings held by the Department in conjunction with the Neighborhood Parks Council and with the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, 2) the Natural Areas Plan and ommunity task force and 3) the impact of the potential golf fund.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and seconded by Commissioner Martin the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 **RES. NO. 0202-001**

Donation From

California Foundation for Birds of Prey One sex unknown Swainson Hawk

4010 Foothill Blvd. - Suite 101 USDA # N/A

Roseville, CA 95747

Wildlife Way Station One sex unknown Brown Pelican

14831 Little Tujunga Canyon Road USDA # N/A

Angeles National Forest, CA 91342

Bruce Grant One sex unknown Gopher Snake

2428 Louis Road One sex unknown Red-kneed Tarantula

Palo Alto, CA 94301

St. Catherine's Wildlife Survival Center Three female Ring-tailed Lemur

182 Camellia Road USDA # 21-C-5007

Midway, CA 31320

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article XIII of the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Section 10.100-256 thereto, establishing a San Francisco Recreation and Parks Golf Fund.

RES. NO. 0202-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve an ordinance amending Article XII of the San Francisco Park Code by adding Section 12.12 thereto setting forth a fee structure for Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses.

RES. NO. 0202-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the price of admission tickets to regular season games for the 2002 San Francisco 49er football season. **RES. NO. 0202-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing the San Francisco 49ers to seek a sponsor and negotiate an agreement for the purchase of naming rights for 3Com Park at Candlestick Point. **RES. NO. 0202-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Zoo's Identity, Way Finding and Donor Recognition Signage Improvements as part of the current Phase II Zoo Improvement Program. **RES. NO. 0202-008**

GENERAL CALENDAR

HARDING PARK GOLF COMPLEX

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0202-013**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission hereby adopts and incorporates the finding under CEQA contained in the funding resolution by reference as though such finding were fully set forth in this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER, RESOLVED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the General Manager, the Commission hereby recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby and authorize the Commission, through the General Manager, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, in substantially the form presented to this Commission.

HARDING PARK GOLF COMPLEX

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Bonilla** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0202-009**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission, in exercising its independent judgment and analysis and on the basis of the whole record before it, adopts the following findings with respect to the approval of the Harding Park Renovation Project and use of Grant Programs monies to finance the project in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION - CHANGE OF RULES

This item was brought before the Commission as the Chairs of both the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee have requested that the committee change the location of their meetings to City Hall. The Commission must therefore change the Commission Rules to make City Hall the regular meeting location of each of these committees. The change will become effective April 2002.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted: **RES.NO. 0202-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the change in location of the regularly scheduled

meetings of the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee from McLaren Lodge to City Hall effective April 2002.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - FY 2002-03 BUDGET

Mary King-Gorwky that at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting she gave a detailed presentation - line by line - on all of the programs and on the key revisions of those programs. She stated that there were not many changes since that meeting. They fit funding sources and position allocations so

that the Department was moving forward with a proposed budget that is similar to FY 2001-02 and a capital budget that is based on the 2000 Park Bond. She then explained each section of the budget book: Section 1) District Overview, Staffing Summary by District, Commission Presentation, Public Presentation & Comments, Section 2) Department Revenue, Section 3) Program Expenditure Report, Section 4) Equipment Request Form, Section 5) Budget Reduction Detail and Summary Forms, Section 6) Revenue Generation Form, Section 7) Performance Measures and Section 8) Capital Budget Request - CIAC.

Commissioner Murray stated that he wanted to discuss further the potential of an additional 10% cut in the Department's budget which would be approximately $1.6 million. Specifically, the possibility of Monday closures if the Department is required to take that additional cut. He stated that to date the cuts made have been by working inside the envelope and doing things that the public in general will not see a great deal of impact. However, this item would have a very high visibility and he wanted to make sure the Commission understand the item and why it was being considered. **Elizabeth Goldstein** responded that the Department had been asked to absorb $2.6 million in COLAS across all staff lines. The Department has done this by incorporating these cuts through the use of gift funds, revenue lines increasing and other items. The goal of incorporating the $2.6 million was to minimize the impact to the public. It is clear that if an additional $1.6 million were to be added, it would be impossible to do that without some impact on the public. The approach would be to take that through staff attrition and reduction of as needed staff hours as opposed to full time permanent staff hours. We wanted to be clear about what the impact was so we began to think about what those things would be that we could make it clear and obvious what was happening, while at the same time allow the community to actively plan around the deficiency. Monday are the day when we have the least attendance. This would be throughout the City with the exception of the 32 latchkey sites. It is not what the Department wants to do, but believe this is a way of achieving a savings. minimizing harm to the community, or harms one community more than another community. We will start actively planning internally how to implement additional cuts, if they are required. It was stated that this was not part of the budget approval before the Commission today. This would come before the Commission if there was a need for additional cuts. **Commissioner Chin** suggested that the Department look at various options or scenarios, i.e. summer time closures would be devastating. **Commissioner Bonilla** asked if other options had been discussed or reviewed. **Elizabeth Goldstein** stated that several options were looked at and some of these were still on the table as part of this. Attrition would occur not just in recreation, but throughout all areas of the Department. She detailed the other changes that were considered. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** congratulated Staff on the good job they did on the budget. She stated that she had spoken to members of the community and received positive feedback on the process and also stated that the narrative portion of the budget was very detailed and helpful in understanding the budget but because of the nature of a narrative it takes longer to read than a typical line by line budget. And she requested that in the future the Commission receive it earlier. She also reiterated staff's comments earlier in regard to the importance of the attendance figures. **Commissioner Chin** also congratulated Staff, asked for additional details on

the gift funds and the potential of enhancing additional philanthropic funds. **Commissioner Murray** commended Staff for the project and the amount of work done in a shorter period of time. **Carrie Wonzer** requested that Treasure Island be included in the budget in future planning, to consider the possibility of two Staff Directors on Treasure Island, and to remember that the children on Treasure Island have geographical limitations. **Steven Currier** from Crocker Amazon Park stated his concern about Monday closure - they have tinytot programs Monday through Friday, felt the Department should continue to collect fees for the use of the fields but also reprimand those users who do not take care of the park. **Andrea O'Leary** stated that she was concerned about Monday closures and the impact it would have on the neighborhood. **Arthur Chang** stated his concern about having a golf fund and stated that the neighborhoods should have more input. **Mary McAllister** representing the Steering Committee of NPC also addressed her concerns with a golf fund and with Monday closures and discussed a survey taken in 1999. **Margaret Brodkin** spoke against Monday closures.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0202-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's budget for FY 2002-03.

CHINESE PLAYGROUND

The Planning Department is currently reviewing a proposal to demolish the Chinatown YMCA and construct a new 65 foot tall, seven-story building containing approximately 84,193 gross square feet. The proposed structure would include approximately 47,000 square feet of community and physical fitness space, approximately 37, 200 square feet of residential space and off-street parking. The new housing units (a maximum of 28) would be affordable. The project is directly across the street from the Chinese Playground and given its height will cast new shadows on Chinese Playground. The project is therefore subject to Section 295 of the Planning Code.

Section 295 of the Planning Code, adopted in 1985 as a response to voter mandate of Proposition K, establishes limitations on shadows cast on parks under the jurisdiction or the Recreation and Park Commission. Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission Joint Resolution No. 11595 established the criteria and determination of significance for shadows cast on various parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

For smaller parks (less than two acres in size), such as the Chinese Playground, it is recommended that no additional shadows be permitted if the site is already shaded 20 percent of more during the year. Since the park is already more than 20 percent during the year, an incremental increase in zero percent was established as the quantitative criteria for the Chinese Playground. The qualitative criteria established for parks generally include review of shadows as they relate to important times of the day, important seasons in the year, size and the duration of new shadows.

A project analysis determined that shadow from the proposed project would reach the Chinese Playground in the mornings during Proposition K times. The analysis also determined that each day the duration of the project shadow on the Chinese Playground would be almost exactly the same as the duration of shadow from the existing YMCA building.

With respect to the existing Chinese Playground baseline shadow coverage of 54,436,100 square foot hours, the project would actually decrease that coverage by 138,936 square foot hours to a value of 54,297,164 square foot hours. This would

result in a 0.1 percent annual reduction in shadow.

Staff finds that the project would satisfy the intent of Proposition K given the overall 0.1 reduction in shading to the park, the location, duration and time of year where new shading will take place at the park; and the location, duration and time of year where new sunlight will take place at the park. Staff's recommendation is that the Commission recommend to the Planning Commission to adopt the finding that the additional new shading caused by the 855 Sacramento Street project as proposed would not be significant or adverse.

Alice Barkley spoke in support of the 855 Sacramento Street project. **Allan Low** also spoke in support of the project.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0202-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading

or shadowing from the 855 Sacramento Street project will/will not have a significant effect on Chinese Playground within the meaning of Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT YACHT HARBOR

Brad Gross presented this item to the Commission. We anticipate that the majority of the funding will come through the California Department of Boating and Waterways. It is a 30- year marina plan. He stated that he would be showing few different options of what staff believed was the best mix from the input from the public.

Established in the early 1900's, the San Francisco Marina and its adjacent Marina Green are situated in one of the most spectacular settings in the world. The Marina current configuration is a result of the approach to meet boaters' needs in 1935 and again in 1963. Since that time, the boating public had grown to become diverse and energetic as the public-at large. At the same time, the public embraced the Marina setting by walking, biking, or skating along the Promenade. However, both sets of users are deserving of a new and improved Marina that has, like other City facilities, suffered through years of deferred maintenance.

The Marina has housed as many as 744 berths compared to the current 676 with sizes ranging from 2-feet to 100-feet. The marina is full year-round and has approximately 400 people on the waiting list. The Marina is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by 14 staff members. The proposed Marina Renovation Program plans for approximately 623 berths along with such modern-day improvements as accessible bathrooms for tenants or visitors who use wheelchairs, enhanced lighting using new, less intrusive technology, and improved landscaping. This proposed plan is the result of a partnership effort of berthers, neighbors, and City staff to address the deteriorated condition.

The last major effort to improve the Marina took place in 1997. Due to a number of factors, the plan did not move forward. During the past five years, concerned boaters, neighbors and City staff have coalesced to refine the 1997 plan so that it best meets the needs of boaters and park user of this generation and future ones.He discussed the reduction berth size and revenue issues relating to this berth size, design guidelines, Americans with Disability Act and regulatory comments.

Between, November 2001 and February 2002, six public meetings were held to articulate and share what improvements the Marina needed. In general, the feedback to Recreation and Park was: 1) renovation program must be undertaken, 2) an up-wind/down-wind, i.e. an east-west layout would be desirable, 3) the west basin breakwater should be as invisible as possible, 4) the east basin needs more berths, 5) industry trend is towards larger boats making the berth size of the Marina outdated, so include a mix of berth sizes while increasing a proportion to handle 30-40' boats, 6) guest berths must provide public access to San Francisco Bay for visiting recreational boaters and park users, 7) lighting improvements should be made using modern, non-intrusive technologies to promote public safety and security without obstructing nighttime vistas, 8) a well-designed marina office/customer service center is needed to better serve both customer and staff, 9) make the Marina as accessible as possible for an many users as possible particularly with respect to bathroom facilities, 10) include seawall and revetment repairs, and 11) landscaping improvements are needed to enhance the park experience.

He then showed and explained to the Commission different options that were considered to come up with the recommended design.

Commissioner Murray stated that there were a number of items in the presentation that suggested an overall economic review of the plan and he wanted to review it before the plan is improved, specifically the revenue. He used the new designs and lengths as an example and stated that he wanted to understand what was going to happen to the revenue from the entire facility based on the new design and layout. Brad stated that there would be a decrease in the number of berths by about 48, but a net increase in the number of linear footage. **Commissioner Murray** asked for further background on 40' berths and why 40' slips. He also asked if the Department would be re-evaluating the form of lease that we sign and implement a new lease agreement for new tenants. He asked about public notification to neighbors and wanted to make sure that there was proper notification for any future meetings. It was decided that the items would go back to both Parks and Planning Committee for design review and the Finance and Administration Committee for financial review.

Ernestine Weiss complemented Brad Gross and urged the Commission to go forward with the plan. **Courtney Clarkson** representing the Marina Small Craft Advisory Committee, stated that the Committee at the February meeting voted 8-3 to support the alternatives that the Department are suggesting for the Harbor. She stated we need to move forward with a project, the Harbor is a disgrace to San Francisco.

David Miller stated that he was a berth holder for several years and had never seen this marina or any other marina as bad as it is today. He urged the Commission to move forward. **John Keagy** stated that he was a tenant and neighbor in the area, spoke in support of the Harbor plan. **Jennifer Parkinson** with Gashouse Cove fuel dock and City Yachts spoke on the silting in the East Harbor and spoke in support of the plan. **Ron Mulcare** discussed the two letters he had written about his concerns and spoke of the lack of public notification. He was concerned about the condition of the Marina seawall and the need to retrofit the seawall. **Shelia Simon** spoke on the lack of notification to Marina neighbors on the public meetings held by the Department. She did not support the plan. **Robert Levine** has been a tenant with the Marina for 15 years and stated that he had given the Board members the plan. He stated that every time the Harbor raises the rates they promise to fix the harbor and they haven't fixed it. **Alan Silverman**, resident in the Marina, stated that there was not notification to any of the neighbors. He requested that the public be notified and have an opportunity for input. **Doug Iles** resident, homeowner for 25 years and boat owner, commended Brad Gross and urged that the budgeting process for the Marina be open. The following members of the public commented on this item: **Joan Girardot, Emeric Kalman, Ed Leighton, Jack Kaus, Dick Roberson and Timothy**

Budziak, DDS however, because of a malfunction their testimony was not recorded.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

March 21, 2002
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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, March 21, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Bill Getty, Vice President

Gordon Chin

Gloria Bonilla

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

President John Murray announced that items 4E was removed from the consent calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Since the last General Manager's Report to the Commission regarding the status of the Operations Plan in December 2001, the Department is pleased to announce that Operations Teams have started their work. Orientation meetings were held in January and the teams have since had two more team meetings and are mid-way through the cycle required to generate an operations plan for their assigned strategy. The four teams that have begun their meetings are the Park and Facilities Design Team, the Organizational Development Performance and Accountability Team, the Organizational Development Department Structure Team and the Programs and Services Team.

For some teams the process is more challenging than for others. The draft Strategic Plan of December 2000 did not develop all strategies in equal detail. Thus, the

Project Team members and the senior staff team members are stepping in to give extra support and expertise to those teams that need this extra attention in order to move more efficiently through the process. This experience will also assist in improving the process as it expands from four to ten teams in June.

Another important step in the process is the development of action plans for strategies that have been assigned to senior staff for immediate implementation. These strategies are either very straight forward, not requiring a team to develop them or are too complicated for a team to develop. During the month of April the senior staff will write these action plans and they will be submitted to the peer review process along with the plans produced by the four teams. The Commission can look forward to reviewing these preliminary products in July.

MIS is currently migrating the staff to a new Email and scheduling system, Lotus Notes. The new system will assist staff in the scheduling of meetings and appointments. The MIS staff is in the process of finalizing a new Position Control Database. This database tracks all employee information and the status of their budgeted position. MIS is now beginning the implementation of Microsoft's SQL server to this database. This implementation of this database server will allow the department to begin distributing its information throughout the department's Wide Area Network. Thus allowing better field staff communication and access to information.

On Thursday, March 7th the Department's urban forest experienced significant damage as a result of the windstorm that passed through the City. Urban Forestry and heavy equipment staff responded to emergencies throughout the day and worked well into the evening cleaning and removing debris from parks, golf courses and facilities. Over 13 significant tree or major limb failures occurred in the late afternoon alone. The staff continued the cleanup for the next several days and continue to monitor damaged trees.

CityWide Adult Senior Program: The 25th Annual Senior Valentine's Day Dance was held at Richmond Recreation Center on February 13, 2002. Over 400 adult seniors enjoyed dancing to the live music of the Maury Wolohan Band and over 40 prizes, donated by local merchants and restaurants, were raffled during the band breaks. Guest speakers included Elizabeth Goldstein, General Manager of Recreation and Park; Lynda Terry from the California Department on Aging; and Dr. Sandra Nathan and Darrick Lam from the San Francisco Office of the Aging.

Project Insight: The Project Insight Deaf Program collaborated with the Hearing Society for the Bay Area Deaf Program to participate in the Annual Chinese New Year's parade on February 23, 2002. Forty members of Project Insight participated.

CityWide Athletics: Rosters were collected during the first week of February for the Spring Adult Softball League, which begins on March 22, 2002. 324 teams have submitted rosters.

The "Positive Choice" soccer program, a new "Soccer In The Streets" (SITS) soccer/life-skills program made its debut at Herz Playground in February.

Thirty (30) coaches attended the San Francisco Youth Baseball League (S.F.Y.B.L.) Bronco/Pony Division coaches clinic at St. Ignatius on Saturday, February 2, 2002. Jim Davenport, former San Francisco Giant and current minor league baseball manager and a number of college and high school coaches were guest instructors.

Forty-one (41) S.F.Y.B.L. T-Ball, Pinto and Mustang Division coaches attended a clinic

to learn new techniques on coaching 5-to-10-year-olds. The clinic was conducted at Lowell High School on Saturday, February 9, 2002.

Rosters for 156 teams have been submitted for the San Francisco Youth Baseball League. A total of five coaches meetings have been conducted to discuss league rules, conduct and other requirements.

Girls 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th grade basketball league is underway. Thirty-seven (37) teams, with a total of 444 participants are entered into the leagues. The games are played at SOMA Recreation Center, Upper Noe Recreation Center, Richmond Recreation Center, Mission Recreation Center, St. Mary's Recreation Center, Ocean View Recreation Center and Kezar Pavilion.

Women's Basketball League playoffs and championships were conducted. A total of 27 teams participated in three (3) skill divisions, which started play during the first week of January.

Assisted Services: On February 6, 2002, forty (40) children from the Assisted Services' "Starr King School" program attended a Valentines Luncheon and Dance. The Recreation Center for the Handicapped were special guests.

A Valentine's Day dance was conducted at Jackson Playground for Assisted Services' Jackson Tuesday Adult Group. Thirty-five (35) people attended.

Randall Museum: One hundred and twenty-eight (128) projects were selected from over 4,400 to be displayed at the 20th Annual Middle School Science Fair. Over 4,400 projects, instigated at twenty-six (26) schools, is an all-time record. Twenty-seven judges participated in the 2-day selection process. Thirty-two (32) projects from the 7th and 8th grades were selected to advance to the Bay Area Science Fair, held at the California Academy of Sciences. Two hundred (200) participants, families and friends attended the Awards Day ceremony on February 23, 2002. Dignitaries on hand to present awards included Elizabeth Goldstein, General Manager and Jill Wynns, President of the San Francisco School Board. Mr. John Aikin from the San Francisco Zoo was the featured speaker, with a presentation on Wildlife Conservation at the Zoo. Mr. Aikin highlighted his talk with a live Bald Eagle.

In collaboration with the Young Audiences of the Bay Area, and with the support of the Kimball Foundation, the Museum is offering a series of interactive performances for families. February's program featured Derique who "turns his own limbs into a drum set or harpsichord keyboard", does "Ham Bone", hat tricks, cartwheels and rides a unicycle. One hundred and eighty-five people attended. Participants included invited guests from family shelters, Project Insight and playgrounds.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

_ A Gift-in-Place Donation from Mark B. Hoffman, CEO of Commerce One, of $6,918.

_ A gift of $2000 from Sue Chang and the Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center, for the installation of the new tile wall for that facility.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

Third annual overnight outing to Sierra-At-Tahoe ski resort, March 24th - 25th, for twenty-five children from our Latchkey Program at J.P. Murphy.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Newhouse Segal the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the meetings of February 2001.

RES. NO. 0203-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 RES. NO. 0203-002

Donation To

Houston Zoological Gardens Two female Francois' Monkey

1513 N. MacGregor USDA # 74-C-0082

Houston, TX 78520

Lincoln Park Zoo One female Snow Leopard

2001 N. Clark Street USDA # 33-C-0004

Chicago, IL 60614

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Reggae Town Entertainment's request to produce a two (2) day gated nonprofit fundraiser event, "Afro-Caribbean Day Festival", featuring live Caribbean and African amplified music, cultural activities, ethnic food, community and information booths, alcohol and non-alcoholic beverage sales in Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on August 24-25, 2002.

RES. NO. 0203-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the preliminary renovation plans for Rochambeau Clubhouse and Playground. RES. NO. 0203-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does advise the Department on the construction details for the entrance of Brooks Park. RES. NO. 0203-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Golden Gate Park Concourse EIR Transportation Data Collection Parking Survey - Existing Parking Conditions. RES. NO. 0203-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design and project plans for the Harding Park Golf Course Renovation, a 163 acre facility located on Harding Road at Skyline Boulevard, within Assessor's Block 7283. RES. NO. 0203-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does 1) approve a conceptual plan for the location of a new Children's play area and 2) recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift-in-place from the San Francisco Housing Authority to install the new children's play area valued at $90,000.

RES. NO. 0203-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift-in-place to resurface the West Portal Playground tennis court valued at approximately $21,800. **RES. NO. 0203-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors: 1) does accept and expend a gift in the amount of $300,000 from the Campaign to Save the Golden Gate Park Windmills for the windmill restoration work and 2) does approve the sole source contract in the approximate amount of $700,000 with Lucas Verbij of Hoogmade/BV Windmill Construction and Restoration and Bloemendal Construction, Joint Venture for removal, restoration, and reinstallation of the top ("cap") of the windmill. **RES. NO. 0203-010**

GENERAL CALENDAR

GOLDEN GATE PARK, LINCOLN PARK AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSES

Background:

This item was presented by Jaci Fong. The last increase in green fees was approved by the Commission on April 29, 1995 by Resolution #9504-78 and became effective July 1, 1995. Prior to that time, the last increase was granted on November 19, 1992 by Resolution #13572 and became effective on January 1, 1993. The fees at Department courses have consistently been competitive with other Bay Area municipal courses and will remain so even with the proposed increases. Staff is suggesting that the present resident rates be raised by the cumulative increases in the CPI rounded up or down to the nearest dollar. Slightly higher increases are proposed for some Standard and Tournament rates. The proposed rates will remain competitive with the courses surveyed.

Staff is also proposing:

1. A new Twilight Rate for Golden Gate Park Golf Course, which will be effective 1-1/2 hours before sunset. Presently no twilight rate exists at the course. Times will be posted daily at the pro shop.

2. The reduction in the number of Twilight Rates available from 6 to 2 at Lincoln Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses. Instead of 6 different rates available at various times during the year, "Twilight" would be defined as 3 hours before sundown on all 18 hole courses, and a separate rate will be available on weekdays and weekends. Times will be posted daily at the pro shop.

3. Back Nine/Ten play will be available Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only, to allow our gardening crews to get out in front of the golfers to perform more intensive maintenance work on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

4. Weekends will be defined as Friday Saturday and Sunday. Weekends are currently defined as Saturday and Sunday only.

5. The new rates will be effective July 1, 2002.

6. That every July 1 thereafter, fees automatically be increased based on changes in the CPI, rounded up or down to the nearest dollar (with July 1, 2002 rates being the base rate and October 2001 being the base index).

If approved by the Commission, these fee increases will also require approval of the Board of Supervisors.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at McLaren Lodge. Notification of the meeting was sent to our golf mailing list, posted at all of the Department's golf courses and made available at the pro shops. Fifteen people attended the meeting.

This 26.5% cumulative CPI increase would add an additional $764,995 ($325,170+$277,526 + 162,299) annually to the Department's revenue stream, based on the number and category of rounds played during fiscal year 2000-01.

Commissioner Murray that the reason this item was on the General Calender was to allow public comment and make sure everyone was aware of this increase. At the Finance and Administrative Committee meeting, there was discussion in regard to rates and to price increases on Fridays specifically extending the weekend into Friday. He stated that while in a different economic environment it they may hold off on changes in the fee structure, however, the $700,000 is a big contribution to avoid other changes in the Department services. The fees are comparable to other municipalities. This is a tradeoff that can be made to support services to youth and services to other customers of the Department.

There was detailed discussion by the Commission and questions of the staff in regard the fee increase, the economy, the budget, the condition of the courses and work to improve those courses including plans to rebuild tee boxes and expand the irrigation system, the relationship of the golf fund being established and the increase in fees and the golf advisory committee. Commissioner Newhouse Segal asked for clarification of that relationship and the possibility of tabling this item until the legislation at the Board of Supervisors was heard. Elizabeth Goldstein detailed the relationship and explained that there would be an adverse impact on the budget if this item was tabled. Commissioner Chin stated that it was important to understand the dynamic. On one hand we are dedicating golf revenue to golf and on the other hand there is an impact on the entire program that this decision relates to and the whole package of potential neighborhood center cuts.

Judy Spain, with the Lincoln Park Women's Golf Club, spoke in opposition to this item. Her concerns were the condition of the course and the condition of the restrooms.

There was further discussion with staff about approving this item contingent on the Golf Fund being approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mark King- Gorwky explained part of how the Department achieved baseline was to include the $700,000. Because of timing on this item, if it does not move forward, there is a strong possibility that it will have to be removed from the budget and put in next year's budget. Unfortunately, this is the year we need help. Commissioner Murray clarified that after the Commission approves it, it's got to go to the Board of Supervisors. The issue isn't having it come back to us, it's at that point to late for the Board of Supervisors to approve which means it won't go into our budget, thus forcing the Department to make additional cuts.

Commissioner Martin followed up on Commissioner Newhouse Segal's thoughts, stating there needs to be a committee to involve the community more in this process.

On motion of Commissioner Chin seconded by Commissioner Martin, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0203-011**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does approve an increase in green fees at Golden Gate Park, Lincoln Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses, based on cumulative increases in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") since July, 1995, to become effective on July 1, 2002.

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

Scot Medbury, Director Conservatory of Flowers and Strybing Arboretum spoke about the reopening of the Conservatory, which will be in Spring 2003, the purpose of the Conservatory building, the process leading to the design presented, $3 million that still needs to be raised for project. He then introduced **Michael Hamm** of The Portico Group.

He talked about the vision to renovate the Conservatory, discussed future additions such as a discovery center and potentially an events courtyard, bottleneck in the entryway at the original building and adding removable kiosks for ticketing and merchandising to alleviate that problem. Other discussion points were: 1) additional entry ideas, a virtual gardener and a handheld PDA (tour guide) system 2) the exhibits, 3) the Conservatory becoming the preeminent destination for San Francisco visitors and residents and 4) providing important opportunities for informal education. The Commission then asked questions of the staff and congratulated them on the work they were doing.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

David Anderson, Director of the Zoo stated that they would be making a presentation on the progress of the construction of the Zoo. He stated that **John Aiken** would discuss what has been accomplished to date and what is coming up. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and invited them to do a preview hardhat tour. June 27, 2002 is the opening with an evening celebration on June 28, 2002. He then introduced the Curator of Design, **John Aiken**. He briefly reviewed the vision for the San Francisco Zoo, what has been accomplished and what is to come.

He explained that they were now engaged in the Second Phase of the development of the Master Plan which develops the western half of the Zoo. This Phase began after the expanded partnership and after the passage of Prop. C (the Zoo Bond) which provided $48 million. The Zoo is adding an additional $40 million in private gifts, $3 million in interest on the gifts and the bond interest and $1.5 million transferred from the Seismic Bond that provided repairs to infrastructure and $300,000 from a State grant. This Phase redevelops the western half of the Zoo. Because they needed to solve the entrance issues in terms of ADA and providing access to the Zoo, it was decided to cluster all of the redevelopment into one area of the Zoo so they could leave part of the Zoo open and focus on the western half. They are providing new animal exhibits, new entry and parking area, improved circulation for the visitors, improved visitor facility, improved animal support areas, and improved work area for the employees. The Master Plan embraces the coastal location, so in the design of the architecture and of the landscape they are reinforcing the coastal experience. In terms of the design of the animal exhibits they are inspiring people to observe wildlife by getting them close to the animals and giving people a chance to have fun and engage them in animal care. They are linking their conservation messages to conservation programs worldwide. The Zoo is increasing their conservation efforts not only onsite but in the world.

To date they have: 1) built several new animal exhibits throughout the zoo, 2) rebuilt the historic steam train, 3) completed renovations to the Children's Zoo, 4) doubled the size of the Family Farm, 5) opened the Lurie Educational Center, 6) provided temporary administrative quarters for employees and 7) completed $3.5 million in

repairs and renovations for various animal exhibits.

Last he explained what would be coming: 1) restrooms, 2) Zoo Street construction contact underway, 3) constructing a warehouse, 4) adding a number of new animal care facilities, 5) opening the African Savanna and 6) Great Ape Forest exhibit.

Emeric Kalman questioned where the write up was on this item and asked the Commission to require information in binders as opposed to power point presentations. He asked: 1) what is the private contribution to zoo products and 2) what has happened to the City Recycled Water Master Plan. He stated he wanted more accountability and more public input. **Elliot Katz,** a veterinarian stated that he had previously expressed a great deal of concern over the neglect of the animals and thanked David Anderson for creating some good habitats for the orangutans and chimpanzees at the Zoo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reola Freeman brought to the attention of the Commission the Margaret Hayward Playground and the need for supervision there. **Jymi Shore** commented on skateboarding and the treatment of skateboarders in San Francisco. He is trying to get more skateboard parks in the City and specifically a skateboard park at the Port. **Elliot Katz** spoke on the killing of gophers on the Great Highway. He stated that he walked the area where the killings were taking place and wondered why this was going on and saw no reason to kill the gophers. **Joan Girardot** stated that although staff has said that they had GGNRA's support on the Harbor renovation plan, she had spoken with Brian O'Neill and he not endorsed the project nor had he reviewed it. She submitted a letter for the record on this. She had concerns that the staff was trying to drum up support for the project when there had been no costs or specifications on the project. She listed a number of items that she still has concerns about on this project. **Marybeth Wallace**, representing the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee presented their monthly report to the Commission. Specifically, she spoke of community concerns on Brooks Park, the Natural Areas Program. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** stated that **Commissioner Bonilla** and she took great time in going out to Brooks Park and at the committee meeting schedule and their own personal time to go out there (separately) to look at the Park. She stated that she was not suggesting that the public not use PROSAC as a vehicle for speaking about the status of projects or voicing concerns, but that the Commission is a legitimate vehicle to do that. PROSAC is a continuation and expansion of what the Open Space Committee used to be - that was about capital projects and other functions outlined in the legislation and implementation ordinance. She requested coordination and reports between the advisory committee, the Commission, and the BOS Parks and Services Committee.**Commissioner Martin** also spoke in regard to Brooks Park. He stated that lived one block from the park, that neighbors talk to him about it and if there was a problem he spoke with Elizabeth and it was resolved. The neighbors are satisfied with what is going on - they have worked out something with the Department and they are pretty well satisfied. **Commissioner Murray** asked staff to work with PROSAC and at the next meeting come back with a scope of responsibilities to be covered by PROSAC, a method that they will report to the Commission on a regular basis and a common way for agenda setting. **Marybeth Wallace** explained that Isabel Wade, Marybeth and staff had met the day before to develop some kind of mechanism to watch what comes to the Commission and help each other being able to advise. **Commissioner Murray** clarified that the direction the Commissioners were expressing was to have PROSAC look at the agenda of items they are working on and advising them as opposed to pursuing an agenda and asking the Commission to react to it. **Eula Walters** spoke on Ferry Park, the Easter Egg Hunt and the need to turn the fountain back on. General Manager Elizabeth Goldstein said the fountain was turned off to conserve energy and expenses. **Commission Newhouse Segal** requested that staff

investigate some means of improving the fountains appearance if the water is shut off long term. **Emeric Kalman** complimented the Department on its responsiveness to his public information request. He suggested that on items of interest chart be compiled showing the Charter mandated procedures and lines of action and listing of codes for maintenance, capital projects, etc. He requested a meeting with the General Manager to discuss Harbor finances. He was also quite upset over a document received by the Board of Supervisors from the Department on March 11, 2002 and asked if this document was received officially. He felt he was portrayed as a saboteur of the subject which was not factual. **Elizabeth Goldstein** stated that the Department did not submit the document to the Board and in fact someone had taken it upon themselves to submit it. She stated that she was disturbed with this and was going to find out how and what had happened.

Commissioner Murray asked that staff read back into the record those items the Commission requested follow up on. They were: 1) scope of responsibilities and coordination document of PROSAC, Commission and the Board, 2) follow up with the Embarcadero Center to see if there is anyway to do something about the fountain and 3) Elizabeth will set up a meeting with Emeric to discuss harbor finances.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

April 18, 2002
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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, April 18, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 2:20 p.m. by President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Gordon Chin

Gloria Bonilla

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Bill Getty

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Legislative Report

The four pieces of the Legislation on the Harding Golf Course were passed by the Board of Supervisors. All resolutions passed on the first reading - that is the only reading that is required. Both ordinances passed on their second reading, Monday, 11 to 0 by the Board of Supervisors. She updated the Commission on Board of Supervisor's budget process.

Other pieces of legislation before the Board are: 1) Sole Source Contract and acceptance of the gift for the windmills carried by Supervisor McGoldrick, 2) contract with the San Francisco Conservation Corp. which is being carried by Supervisor Maxwell and 3) an acceptance of the grant for Glen Canyon Park which is being carried by Supervisor Leno.

Operations Plan

Since the last General Manager's Report to the Commission regarding the status of the Operations Plan in December 2001, the Department is pleased to announce that Operations Teams have started their work. Orientation meetings were held in January and the teams have since had two more team meetings and are mid-way through the cycle required to generate an operations plan for their assigned strategy. The four teams that have begun their meetings are the Park and Facilities Design Team, the Organizational Development Performance and Accountability Team, the Organizational Development Department Structure Team and the Programs and Services Team.

For some teams the process is more challenging than for others. The draft Strategic Plan of December 2000 did not develop all strategies in equal detail. Thus, the Project Team members and the Senior Staff Team members are stepping in to give extra support and expertise to those teams that need this extra attention in order to move more efficiently through the process. This experience will also assist in improving the process as it expands from four to ten teams in June.

Another important step in the process is the development of action plans for strategies that have been assigned to senior staff for immediate implementation. These strategies are either very straight forward, not requiring a team to develop them or are too complicated for a team to develop. During the month of August the senior staff will write these action plans and they will be submitted to the peer review process along with the plans produced by the four teams. The Commission can look forward to reviewing these preliminary products in July.

Midnight Music

Supervisor Mark Leno initiated a program with the Recreation and Park Department entitled "Midnight Music." He raised some private money for the program and arranged for $50,000 from the City budget as part of the "add-back" process for this fiscal year. Pat Wiley organized the events for this program. This spring four "Road Shows" took place. The shows were presented in all four divisions of the City. The first one was the Latin Fiesta at Mission Recreation Center. There were workshops given by professional musicians designed to acquaint youth with new experiences through music. The performers that day included the Salsa orchestra "Kalichin". Folk Peruvian from the Peruvian Tradition Cultural Center, the Aztec Group, and a Mexican Folk Dance group also performed. There was an instrument making workshop and Latin food for all. Three "Road Shows" followed at: Richmond Recreation Center on March 9th, SOMA Center on March 23rd and Milton Myer Recreation Center on April 4th. The Touch of Class Choir performed at all three of these venues. Touch of Class is an all teen group! The events have all been a great success, each topping the last in attendance and community enthusiasm.

We are currently seeking funding to have a version of the program this summer at Glen Park Recreation Center focused on older teens.

Harding Golf Course

Golf Program staff is working with consultants from Weiss Associates to develop a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) for the upcoming Harding Golf Course renovation. This will be the Department's first IPM plan specifically devoted to golf course maintenance. In comparison to other Department horticultural programs the golf program has relied upon herbicides to maintain a playable turf surface. The new IPM plan will be a dramatic departure from past Department practices and place the program at the national forefront for golf course maintenance.

Randall Museum

The Museum offered 7 classes during the SFUSD Spring Break week (March 26-30). The classes included trips to the Point Bonita Lighthouse, the Marine Mammal Center, Edgewood Park and hike to Stow Lake. 89 children and adults participated.

On March 2, 2002, the Randall Museum hosted the Fourth Biennial San Francisco Restoration Conference entitled "Building New Connections". 135 enthusiasts met to celebrate the expanding movement of volunteers and professionals working together to restore habitat to support the diversity of life throughout San Francisco. The Conference is a collaboration between the Randall Museum, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Natural Areas Program, the National Park Service, the Presidio Trust, the Yerba Buena Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Literacy for Environmental Justice.

"Family Arts in Action": In collaboration with the Young Audiences of the Bay Area, the Museum is offering a series of interactive performances for families. In March, musical traditions from around the world were celebrated through the dynamic drumming of Rhythmix. 120 people attended this event.

Outreach Programs: In preparation for an upcoming exhibit, "Inviting Wildlife Into Our City", the Museum's science and art instructors visited San Francisco schools and conducted 25 programs for 1,082 students. These programs educated the students about the environment through science and art and allowed them to create items that will be displayed in the exhibit, which is scheduled for April.

New E-Mail

MIS is currently migrating the staff to a new Email and scheduling system, Lotus Notes. The new system will assist staff in the scheduling of meetings and appointments. The MIS staff is in the process of finalizing a new Position Control Database. This database tracks all employee information and the status of their budgeted position. MIS is now beginning the implementation of Microsoft's SQL server to this database. This implementation of this database server will allow the department to begin distributing its information throughout the department's Wide Area Network. Thus allowing better field staff communication and access to information.

Dog Play Areas

The first new off-leash dog run has been completed by our structural maintenance and gardening staff at St. Mary's park. The new dog run will be open before the end of the month. We are planning a grand opening ceremony as well. We also hope to use the new dog run as one type of model for sites at other suitable park locations.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy

_ A Gift-in-Place Donation from Mark B. Hoffman, CEO of Commerce One, of $6,918.

_ A gift of $2000 from Sue Chang and the Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center, for the installation of the new tile wall for that facility.

The General Manager approved the following trips

Third annual overnight outing to Sierra-At-Tahoe ski resort, March 24th - 25th, for twenty-five children from our Latchkey Program at J.P. Murphy.

Awards and Honors

Project Insight. On March 16, 2002, Czarina Lee received the Violet Richardson award from the Soroptomist International of San Francisco. Czarina wrote an essay about her experiences volunteering with the Project Insight Visually Impaired Programs. Czarina and Project Insight each received $250.00 checks.

Follow-Up from Public Comment from Prior Commission Meetings

Golden Gate Park gardening staff is working Dr. Katz of, In Defense of Animals, to create new landscapes that will resist the ravages of pocket gophers and maintain public safety. The focus of this collaboration will be to minimize the need to trap the gophers. The group will work with staff on Saturdays on this new project along the Great Highway.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, April 20 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Moscone Playground Grand Opening

Saturday, April 20 9:00 a.m. - Planting Butterfly Garden at Precita Park

Saturday, April 20 9:00 a.m. - Earth Day celebration at India Basin

Friday, April 26 6-9 p.m. - Project Insight Annual Fundraiser Dinner at Trocadero Clubhouse

Saturday, April 27 9:00 a.m. - 49er Academy/Milton Meyer beautification

Tuesday, May 7 4-7 p.m. Reception for Photo expose of Demi Braceros' work at Cayuga Park, City College Rosenberg Library, Hosted by Cayuga Improvement Association

Wednesday, May 8 6:30 p.m. - Special Commission Meeting on Draft Dog Policy

Saturday, May 11 9 a.m. - noon - Community Clean Team - District 5 Buena Vista Park Kick Off site

Saturday, June 1 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Golden Gate Park Carrousel Opening lunch & fashion show

Thursday, July 25 - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Union Square Opening fundraiser

Mary King-Gorwky gave the Commission a budgetary update of budget. She explained that the document before the Commission a source documentation for the Budget hearing next Tuesday. The Budget Committee requested a brief overview that was more oriented to numbers and a quick glance over the 5.5% cuts and proposed 10% cuts. She gave an overview of the existing programs, grouping the programs in the four major areas: 1) Citywide Recreation and Park Services, 2) Neighborhood Recreation and Park Services, 3) Operating Support Services, and 4) Capital Projects Division. She went through the highlights of the 5.5% reduction.

The Commission discussed revenue streams, gift funds, Monday closures of recreational facilities, meetings with stakeholders in regard to these closures, increased fee structures and attrition savings across the board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Robert Zurcher, representing Carpenters Local 22, stated his concerns on Nutek Construction, Inc. receiving the award for the Visitacion Valley Clubhouse project. **Commissioner Murray** explained the process of awarding a contract and asked Elizabeth Goldstein to comment. She stated that she had made a commitment to Stan Warren to cooperating completely for oversite from the Bureau of Labor and Standards to guarantee that there were no violations moving forward with this project. **Commissioner Martin** requested that a process be developed to guarantee that the same problems that occurred at the zoo doesn't happen again. **Commissioner Chin** requested that mechanisms be developed that would give the Commission the flexibility to prohibit particular contractors to even bid a project. **Steve Currier** spoke on the Crocker Amazon Park item and his support of this project. He also spoke of the problems that they were having with alcohol beverages in the park. Commissioner Newhouse Segal stated that she was concerned about the garbage in not only Crocker Amazon but in other parks also. She requested that when funds are available that the Department look at more frequent collection of the garbage. **Emeric Kalman**

stated that the City had a lease contract with the Zoological Society and the infrastructure was public property and belonged to the City, so any improvements became public property. He also believed that the inventory of animals were public property and that every animal had a price tag. He requested that the Commission have the Zoological Society submit to the City through the Commission an updated inventory of the animals and prices of each.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the meeting of March 2002 with amendments from Commission Newhouse Segal. **RES. NO. 0204-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 **RES. NO. 0204-002**

Donation To

Randall Museum 40 unsexed Thorny Phasmids

199 Museum Way USDA # N/A

San Francisco, CA 94114

Donation From

Tania Valdez one male and one female Guinea Pig

405 Serrano #3H USDA # N/A

San Francisco, CA 94132

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Permit for the Operation of Youth Tennis Instructions at the Golden Gate Tennis Courts **RES. NO. 0204-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a 50-day contract extension of time, from 135 to 185 consecutive calendar days, to allow for rain delays and changes in the work scope for the Golden Gate Park County Fair Building & Helen Crocker Russell Library Re-roofing project. **RES. NO. 0204-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a $1,418,000 (Base Bid - $1,225,000 and Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - $193,000) construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder Nutek Construction, Inc. for the Visitacion Valley Clubhouse project. **RES. NO. 0204-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of a plaque acknowledging Tully M. Friedman and Company, for contributions towards the rehabilitation of the Golden Gate Park Carrousel Building. **RES. NO. 0204-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual renovation plan for the children's play area located at Moscow and Geneva Streets. **RES. NO. 0204-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of three "periscope towers" at India Basin Shoreline Park. **RES. NO. 0204-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of West Sunset Playground's soccer field to James Lucy Soccer Field. **RES. NO. 0204-009**

STOW LAKE CORPORATION

Commissioner Murray announced that this would have ordinarily been on the consent calendar. However, because a request from the finance committee to have signs put up at Stow Lake was not fulfilled it was sent to the general calendar. Those signs had now been placed and Commission Murray asked for a motion.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0204-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the request of the Stow Lake Corporation to increase prices for boat rental and food items at the Stow Lake Boathouse.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Gary Hoy presented this item. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, our Department solicited construction bids and received four competitive respondents. Of the four bids, the two lowest bidding contractors, Subsurface Environmental Corp and Ghilotti Bros/EG respectively, failed to comply with the established subcontracting goals that were set at 25% of the contract price. For this reason, the Human Rights Commission has deemed these two contractors non-responsive. The third lowest bidder, Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc., submitted a bid of $1,026,072 which is $111,482 over the engineer's estimate established at $914,590. Staff requested that the Commission reject all bids and allow the Department to re-bid the project as soon as possible.

Chris Duderstadt, representing the Alliance of Golden Gate Park and San Francisco Tomorrow, stated that both of the organizations were anxious to see this project go

forward.

On motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Newhouse Segal the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0204-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all construction bids for the Golden Gate Park East Entrance Improvement project.

HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE

Gary Hoy presented this item to the Commission. The Commission recently forwarded two resolutions and two ordinances to the Board of Supervisors establishing the Golf Fund, PGA Tour Master Tournament Agreement, State Grant Fund Accept and Expend Resolution, and Fee Structure for the Harding and Fleming Golf Courses. The State Grant Accept and Expend Resolution included budgets for four projects related to the Harding Park Golf Course Renovation as shown below. The Department advertised bids and received bids recently. However, this agenda item was written when staff believed there was a responsible bidder. There was a protest filed by the second lowest bidder which was resolved to the Department's satisfaction. It was the intent of the Department to request to have this contract awarded today. However, on Tuesday other irregularities about the bid bond and found the lowest bidder non-responsive. Staff requested that the Commission not award the contract and to reject all bids. Mr. Hoy explained the timeline to re-advertise and award the project.

Jeffrey Colton with Valley Crest stated that he believed they were the lowest responsible bidder and should have been awarded the project. **Bill Cohen** with Valley Crest stated that the job was let on a very aggressive construction schedule - with a June 1st start date and October completion date the Department would lose money each month the course was closed. He stated that Valley Crest had turned in a valid and responsive bid. He asked that the Commission award the project to them as the responsive low bidder. **Commissioner Murray** stated that because of reasons outside of staff's control, the Department is delayed in the start, so the course will be opened later in May, thus there will be no real cost to the City.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0204-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission rejects all bids, for the Harding Park Golf Course Renovation Project.

Public Comment

Chris Duderstadt presented a letter from:1) San Francisco Tomorrow regarding the tunnels in Golden Gate Park and 2) the Alliance of Golden Gate Park. He stated that the loss of the Pool of Enchantment was a great tragedy to Golden Gate Park and all visitors to the Park. He stated that he along with others had requested that the pieces of the Pool be labeled and safely removed. He stated the Fine Arts Museums had intentionally destructed the Pool. Elizabeth Goldstein, stated that on the basis of Mr. Duderstadt's concerns, she approached Harry Parker to try and determine what was being saved and removed from the site and ask that they save as much as possible. All of the sculptures and all of the top coping of the Pool has been removed from the site safely. What couldn't be removed intact was the lower coping stones of the Pool. **Bill Carlin** spoke of the McLaren Habitat restoration and of the packet that he handed the Commission detailing his concerns of the damage the Natural Areas program has done to the park.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M argaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002 - 6:30 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. by President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

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Present:

John Murray, President
Bill Getty, Vice President
Gordon Chin
Gloria Bonilla
Larry Martin
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Recreation and Park Department Draft Dog Policy

Elizabeth Goldstein, General Manager presented this item to the Commission

Elizabeth Goldstein: I would like to introduce the staff that have been working on this program a little over a year at least. Some people have been working on off-leash dog policy issues now for much longer than that. Some people up to three and four years and I'll just introduce the folks who are in the box, there are also staff behind me in the room, Becky Ballinger our Public Relations Officer, Dan McKenna the Southern Superintendent, Lisa Wayne, the Director of the National Areas program, Linda Ma, the Assistant Superintendent, Dan Mauer, Landscape Architect with the Department, Davida Kapler who is a Gardener based out of Palace of Fine Arts and Mike Morlin who has been Acting Northern Superintendent.

I thought I should start with why we actually undertook this effort at all. As many of you know, a number or years ago the Federal Government began closing off access to its lands for off-leash use. That effort on the part of the Federal Government, which is continuing today, has put considerable pressure on city Parks and created some conflicts amongst uses and users. In the Board of Supervisors in response to that effort on the part of the National Parks Service and the Federal Government established something called the "off-leash dog task force". It submitted a series of Recommendations, which were never endorsed by the Board and were forwarded to the Department for review.

The Department on a parallel track has seen a number of projects in neighborhood parks which have been bogged down in conflict between various uses of off-leash use and on-leash use in community parks and we have been unable despite very valiant efforts on the part of the community from all sides and the part of the Department to reach consensus on how these parks uses should be integrated. It became clear that the Department could not establish consensus on a park-by-park basis, that it needed to establish a framework in which individual communities could come together and make choices and that's what this policy is about.

We have been working on this draft policy that is before you today for a long time, we looked at policies and practices from other urban areas and other corporate government units from all over the country and some places elsewhere in the world. We sat down a number of times with our various institutional stakeholders including Coleman Advocates for Youths, SF Dogs, the SPCA and a number of other organizations to review various drafts of the document as it evolved. The original draft was altered and delivered to the public at a press conference on June 12 last year. By the time public comment closed, the Department had received more than 2,600 comments. A team of eight people including myself read and discussed each one of those comments. The policy was then revised and discussed again with the stakeholder group in the fall and based on those comments revised a third time. The policy that is before you became available to the public for our website and then ultimately through mailings on February 25 this year.

Over the life of this process the policy has changed in major ways to respond to public comment. One thing that the public noted in its initial comments to us was that we had not established a good set of criteria for the large squares, in particular Parks between 10 and 35 acres. You will notice in the policy before you that we agreed with that criticism of the initial policy and have added language to establish criteria for that group of parks. In addition the language for the natural areas program has been refined once and in fact we are going to suggest refinements again tonight. The Gold Bone program which was in the initial draft of the program, which received criticism from all sides of the issue, was removed from the draft before you. I must add that this is my greatest disappointment in this process since I thought that this program would have been the first of its kind in the country. Language about surfaces and boundaries were altered in the second and third drafts of the policy. I thought it was worth taking a few moments to diffuse some of the misinformation that is out there about the policy that has ended up being compromised in sound bites that have been out there in the press and passed around from person to person, I know some of the aspects of the policy which cause concern to many of the people that are here. I would like to speak to you about those issues about surfaces, boundaries, natural areas, public input in the process as we move forward, enforcement and some of the questions that have been brought forward that we haven't included in the policy and the reasons why.

First to surfaces, the policy defines the various surface materials that the Department believes to be maintainable given the size of the area. I want to be clear, one of the things we are trying to do is to establish reasonable expectations about what the Department can actually maintain over time and what we can reasonably expect to be usable in a desirable form into the future. In parks over 10 acres, the Department feels that grass is an entirely maintainable surface depending on the soils and other sub straight conditions. In parks under 10 acres where off-leash areas will be by necessity smaller we have Recommended other surfaces. We have not done this because we are trying to be mean or cruel, we have done this because we do not believe that grass in these areas indeed can be maintained successfully, although in some situations we might even be willing to try it there. We would like to work with the community to identify and use other surface materials such as sand or artificial turf, which we have seen successfully used in other places in California and in the country.

We would also like to talk about boundaries because this has been a very contentious issue, as in a lot of responses to the first draft one of the things we heard over and over again was that people did not want their dogs fenced in. One of the things that the policy says, and I want to be really clear about what the policy does say, it does not require fences it does require boundaries in sites smaller than 10 acres. That is where activities will be required to have some kind of boundary that is indeed firm. When we talk about those boundaries we don't anticipate that that means a chain linked fence. There are many kinds of fences and many kinds of boundaries that the Department feels to be acceptable, as I will show you on the overheads.

These are a variety of fence materials which have been used throughout the Park system, ours and others, including vinyl clad chain link fences, wrought iron fences and various cable and timber fences that are being used out along the waterfront in the western part of the city and also state rail fences in the upper corner of the overhead. In addition, we think there are definitely landscape solutions to creating these boundaries, whether they're hedges such as the ones that are already being used in Alta Plaza, feeding walls such as the one we just installed such as the one in a playground in Moscone or feeding walls like the ones we have in various other places in the system. In areas larger than 10 acres however, we don't believe that these hard boundaries are indeed necessary. We think that soft boundaries that can be defined through signage or path systems or other things will be more than sufficient. The Department is comfortable with these boundaries because they give the park user sufficient information to know where they are likely to encounter off-leash dogs or not, so that they can make clear choices about experiences that they will encounter.

Much has been made of the issues about dogs and their potential exclusion from natural areas and I want to make it clear that could not be further from the truth. The policy will only restrict access from the most sensitive habitat areas. Many of you have heard that the natural areas in San Francisco are believed to be around a 1000 acres and indeed that is probably the case. Of these 500 acres however, substantial portions of those acres are in fact not accessible at the moment. 250 of those acres are in water at Lake Merced, an additional 250 acres is in Shark Park South of the San Francisco border, not within the boundaries of San Francisco. That leaves 500 acres within the confines of San Francisco's borders itself. Of those 500 acres the vast majority almost 450 of those acres are in the largest Parks in the system, McLaren, Glen Park, Stern Grove, Pine Lake, etc. We estimate that approximately 125 of those 500 acres might fall into this most sensitive habitat category that would actually require restrictions against dog use entirely and perhaps even human use.

The Department is currently working on a management plan of natural areas that will establish where these sensitive habitat areas are. That document will be subject to public participation and ultimately has to be adopted by the Commission and we anticipate that that will happen at the end of 2002 or very early in 2003. The balance of all the acres in the natural area's program will be subject to the same criteria for off-leash areas as any other park in the system. In other words, the criteria that are in policy for Parks above 35 acres that define how off-leash areas can be designated and what criteria they should have would apply to any of the natural areas except those what we imagine will be 125 acres of the most sensitive habitat.

We have proposed language which is in the rotating bin if anyone from the public wishes to look at that, to tighten and refine the language in the policy so that it says exactly that. We understand that we have not been as clear as we wanted to be in this regard in previous drafts and we want to define this in a way that everyone can be clear as to what it is the policy intends to achieve. I just want to reiterate that so it is absolutely clear, that we are restricting dog use completely only from the sensitive habitat areas as will be defined by the management plan. The balance of the 500 acres available to humans now will be accessible for potential off-use areas according to the acreage categories in the plan.

Public input in the process, a number of people have said that in fact, we're restricting or eliminating public access to the process and also the public's ability to help us mould and design refinement of these off-leash areas in their community. I think that indeed that is not true. The policy creates a framework for a community process but many choices will be left to be determined by the community engaged in the Department regarding site design, those being the most significant of these decisions. Just as a community doesn't determine the size of a tennis court but determines where it should be located, how many there should be, the community will make similar decisions about where dog play areas are and other off-leash experiences in conjunction with the Department.

In addition we propose to establish a taskforce that would work with communities that are proposing a dog play area and off-leash experiences and who would also with the Department evaluate the effectiveness of each area and refined design features. I want to mention at this point, that many people have been critical of our off-leash areas now. We know that many of these areas have indeed been successful, like Lafayette Park and Alta Plaza and Mountain Lake

but others have not and we recognize that. That is why we have built in a collaborative evaluation mechanism so that we can move forward, we can correct problems quickly and establish better maintenance standards and use more successful materials and signage.

Lastly we have heard repeatedly about whether the policy could be enforced once its put in place. The answer to that question is that enforcement of enforcement is that we believe that in collaboration with the Department, the San Francisco Police Department and Animal Care and Control that enforcement can and will take place. I think it is however extremely important to Recognize that it is not our intention should this policy be passed to immediately impose it. The draft policy that the Commission has before it assumes a 90-day process of public education once the policy is put in place. That period would allow us to appoint the advisory committee members, it would allow us to have neighborhoods begin submitting ideas and proposals for off-leash dog areas and dog play areas, it would allow us to review those proposals and begin to do some implementation and it would also allow us to install signs, bag dispensers and trash Receptacles. All are conditions that the Department has agreed to supply. In September if the policy were to be approved tonight, we would begin in collaboration with the Police Department, our own Park patrol and Animal Care and Control to begin issuing citations for off-leash use in non-designated areas.

I just want to remind you that the law in San Francisco says that dogs are required to be on-leash except in Recreation and Park Department designated off-leash areas, and so that is what we are attempting to do with this policy, increase and make more viable off-leash opportunities throughout the system, so that it becomes a viable alternative.

Lastly, I would like to discuss why we have not added the suggestion that has been raised repeatedly by many community members of shared or timed use. We have not included it because enforcement would be even more burdensome as the proposal is currently cited and laid out. In cities where shared use has been used or tried it has been found that enforcement problems have risen exponentially, so much so that the National Recreation and Parks Association says, and I quote, "dog park hours, some parks have adopted a dual use system, where leash laws apply during certain hours and off-leash use is permitted during others. Loyal Canyon Park and Santa Cruz Park each operate on the dual policy but have experienced great difficulties with dog owners ignoring the on-leash hours. It is therefore recommended that dog Parks operate on a full time off-leash hours rather than attempting to operate on a time share basis".

Lastly, I want to comment on the difficulty of this process. I am inclined to believe that if this were an easy problem to solve it would have been solved long ago. I appreciate the enormous number of people who have come out to speak on this issue tonight, as well as those who have commented on the first publicly circulated draft. We all live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world but it is the second most dense city in the United States. We must find a solution, for if we cannot we will continue to allow these issues to fester from person to person in our Parks. Whatever your concerns about this policy I hope that you will Recognize the Department's effort to confront this difficult issue rather than to pretend it does not exist. We are not alone. Municipalities all across the country are struggling to resolve this issue as well. I remain hopeful that San Francisco will find its way through this conundrum.

And lastly, I would like to take this opportunity in closing to introduce Captain Daniel Lawson from the Park Station; he is Head of Operation Park Division in the San Francisco Police Department, here to say a few words.

Captain Lawson: Thank you Elizabeth. Good evening everyone, again I am Dan Lawson, Captain of Park Police Station. I am here to give a very brief message to everyone. Basically I wanted to give you a little bit of a background on Operation Parks. I am the Chairman of Operation Parks, Operation Parks consists of the 10 district police station units assigned to address Park issues, members from Rec & Park, Rangers, Gardeners and an Assistant District Attorney. We meet monthly. Our goal and mission is to work with the community to keep our Parks clean and safe places where everyone in the community can use and enjoy. We will continue to work with all the stakeholders and will support whatever legislation this democratic produces.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Thank you Captain Lawson and I am here and available for any questions that the Commission may have at this time.

Commissioner Murray: Commissioners, any questions?

Commissioner Murray: I am hearing no questions; I think we are ready to proceed. I am going to apologize in advance for anyone's name who may be mispronounced and invite you to correct us when you get to the mike, we are going to start with the first five individuals who are going to give us their comment. Joanna Goldman, California Natural Plants Society. Let's move on. Laura Cavaluzzo, Arthur Finestein, Lynn Linger, Leslie Myavon.

Ms. Goldman: I don't represent the California Native Plant Society, I am just a volunteer for them and I work on Bernal Hill. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak and as a person who works for the City I really appreciate the time, effort and bureaucracy that must have gone into the making of the plan and I like it. I think that when I think about decisions that the City should take I think about the Native American saying that we should make our decisions based on what seven generations ahead of us are going to see and I know that when I see the flowers come up on Bernal Hill, I would love for my great great whatever seventh generation grandchildren to see things that I can see and that are disappearing so thanks, I like the plan.

Ms. Cavaluzzo: Thank you Commissioners. As you heard Rec & Parks policy lists fully enclosed dog runs as the only option for off-leash play in 195 of the City's 220 Parks. This is the story of one such run. Corona Heights had hosted a thriving community of dog owners for decades when the irrigation system was shut off and the grass died, we formed an advocacy group, got the Park reseeded and the water flowing again. Once the grass grew in we nagged Rec & Parks to get it mowed, finally doing it ourselves with push-mowers one day of our Park clean-ups. In 1996 Rec & Park started to talk about fencing in the Park, they assured us that this would be the City's model dog run, a wonderful facility with grass and benches, shade trees and a fountain. It took almost a year to construct the run, which amounts to a four-foot high chain link fence around part of the meadow. Friends of Rec & Park donated a drinking fountain to the site but in the three years since its completion the run as seen little maintenance and no further improvements. Where there once was a grassy field and a lively community, there is now an unpleasant eye-sore primarily used by professional dog walkers. It is unsafe, it is unpleasant, please don't let this happen to the rest of our city.

Mr.Feinstein: I am Arthur Feinstein, the co-executive director of the Golden Gate Audubon Society and I came in seeking to impress upon you that this is a compromise product. We are going to endorse it very reluctantly and especially after seeing the amendments to the natural areas language, I am not even sure we can go that far anymore. Nonetheless, I do want to impress upon you that Staff have tried very hard. You will hear a lot of people saying how terrible this is, and for those of us who are worried about the natural resources we have remaining in the city we are not sure this policy gets where it needs to be in terms of whether you need boundaries or not. Our chapter also includes Berkeley and they have an unleashed dog run area there at Caesar Chavez Park. A study was done Recently, 60-70% of the dogs were outside the only signed unleashed dog area, there is no fencing, just little signs, 60% are outside that area rather than inside. Dogs can't read. Thank you.

Ms. Linder: Whether its Tai Chi in the morning on the basketball courts or athletes doing pull-ups in the children's play area, our neighborhood Park is a multi-use Park. My family enjoys this Park to its fullest. In the space that we spend part of each of our day with our friends, exercising our dogs in a safe and comfortable place for my daughter, my dogs, my husband and myself, our early evening walks with our daughter and two dogs have a been a ritual from before she was born. The City is a tough one to make ends meet and time is a valuable thing. By having our local Park where we can meet friends, other parents, exercise our dogs, tend to our slug garden plot all in one visit, makes our lives richer and more rewarding. We simply cannot do separate trips each day for these things. The crowd and ..... proposed in the policy are not good for families they are conducive only to segregation and isolation,. Think Muni at rush hour, is this people on their best behavior? And when will these eyesores be finished. Based on my trips to New York these pens are smelly and dangerous to children and the elderly. Please don't put up the pens.

Ms.Wallace: I am Marybeth Wallace, and I came to speak as a representative from Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, as a mum and as a dog owner. I would like to say that Coleman Advocates would like to go on the Record as a supporter of this proposed unleashed dog policy. This has been an open policy process from the beginning, anti-leash activists have participated every step of the way. There were six community meetings of the original off-leash dog taskforce, there were testimony from approximately 400 individuals, three Board of Soup hearings, four stakeholder policy meetings, five parent advocates for youth report cards, 300 responses from child care workers and 27 written community responses and countless community meetings in the neighborhoods. There has been significant public input into this policy and it needs to be adopted now. Thank you.

Mr. Looman: Commissioners, for the Record my name is David Looman, I reside at 325 Highland Avenue, I have submitted a written statement which I request be made part of the administrative Record of this proceeding. The proposed dog policy of the Rec & Parks Department is an environmental disaster and certainly requires environmental impact report. On build-out and under full enforcement this policy will require most San Francisco dog owners to travel by car to their places of Recreation, this will create daily an additional 2.8 tons of criteria air quality pollutants and an astounding 65 tons daily of green house gases. The plan will substantially increase the rat population of our Parks and may negatively impact the habitats of other animals. The plan will significantly diminish the Recreational opportunities for the largest single group of Park users and by depopulating the non-dog Parks it will enlarge opportunities for drug dealing and other crimes thereby diminishing Recreational opportunities for all. It will especially impact the elderly, the disabled, families with children and all persons with little or no access to automobile transportation. This proposed policy exceeds the legal threshold under sacra, which triggers environmental review and requires and environmental impact report. Thank you.

Mr. Cockrell: I am Steve Cockrell, President of City Dogs. This policy is not a compromise policy; it is an anti-dog policy just like the first draft was. It's a repackaged policy that does not take into consideration the overwhelming public comment against the policy, the largest public comment in RPD history, much of which was never even read or analyzed. Sunshine Ordinance requests have disclosed that over a 1000 of the public's comments but there was no formal analysis or comment. The comments on dog policy were suppressed for over five months; I had to get a Sunshine Ordinance order to even look at the dog policy. RPD were supposed to come back within a month to this Commission with a revised policy, they have stalled for nine months while they have repackaged this policy in the hopes that we will lose supervisors who are supportive of our cause. This policy needs to be taken to the Supervisors and that's what we will ask for. Thank you.

Mr. Keating: Good evening, I am John Keating. Thank you Commissioners for your public service. My message tonight is that if we don't know what we are doing we should go slow. I read this policy to make radical changes rather than incremental changes. We want to change a lot of parks to fix a small problem. I am a native of San Francisco and I was talking to my pop who used to walk his dog, run his dog on Baker Beach in the 20's and we all agreed that the City is great because of the diversity of our Parks and yet we have to understand, you cannot make sound public policy decisions if you make abrupt changes without information. I'm going to give you a couple of quick examples. The GGRA changes are going to be dramatic, if the demand on our Parks for off-leash dog walking is going to quadruple you cannot make an informed decision without considering that, there is safety, the disable impact etc. Thank you.

Ms.Salen: I am hear to speak as a non-dog owner as that has been my identity most of my life. I have been in San Francisco 25 years and I am speaking specifically about Bernal Heights as an example of a natural area. Before Bernal became a dog community, the place was full of broken glass from liquor bottles and used condoms. When you try to return that as a natural area that is what it is going to look like. No community usage just broken bottles and condoms and flowers.

Ms. Brooks: I moved to California 12 years ago because I wanted a lifestyle where I could enjoy the outdoors. For the last six years, half of my time here, I have had a dog. I have had the pleasure of enjoying all the parks of the City as well as the natural Recreation areas but especially the parks in this City and having traveled all around this country with my dog, to cities

like New York and encountered those dog pens, I know what happens to dogs when they are in cages, you take a bunch a dogs, you throw them into a small caged area, it's gravel, it's woodchips, it's not a healthy environment, it stinks to high heaven, it's not even people friendly. If the issue is whether dogs should be controlled or not, yes, I am a dog owner and dogs should be kept under control but then again for that matter so should children, parents take care of that. As dog owners give us a chance, we are responsible, most of us are responsible people, we enjoy these parks and we don't want our dogs in cages.

Dr. Pophertos: My name is Dr George Pophertos, I am a retired physician and I am here today to talk to you about the ....in people with disabilities and how the proposed RPD policy fails to provide for them. The plan presented by R&P does not provide people with disabilities the opportunity to exercise their dogs off-leash in their neighborhood parks. Since 90% of the City Parks are less than 10 acres, this plan requires a fenced stall pen for them. Both budgetary constraints and community opposition are sure that these will never happen, it won't happen in my neighborhood Park, where the friends of Willis Park have gone on Record opposing a fenced dog run there. It is unfair to ask people with disabilities or volunteers from such agencies as PAWS who may walk their dogs, to travel far afield to exercise these dogs. Since Rec and Park has failed despite two revisions of their original proposal to address these needs I ask you the Commissioners, to reject this policy and hand over to another agency or outside consultant the task of producing a viable policy for all the citizens of San Francisco including the disabled ones. Thank you.

Mr. Strowman: Good evening, my name is Joseph Strowman. I live in the Castro district and my neighborhood park is Collingwood Park also known as Eureka Valley. A few years ago it was recognized by the Board that the number of parks that allow off-leash dog exercise was inadequate for the population of San Francisco. After many hearings, Collingwood Park was included in the list of existing and new parks for off-leash dogs. Then Park & Rec killed all the grass in the field, left it a big hole of mud for the entire rain season. Spring came and they fenced off inside of the field, and this entire field was kept off limits for a full year. All this without any input from the community. When they finally had meetings the opinion of the dog owners were repeatedly ignored even after two changes of park administrations the dogs were fenced out. Park and Rec has repeatedly demonstrated they do not feel that dog exercise is an appropriate form of exercise on the parkland. They do not want to spend maintenance on the park so they put up fences around them and let only a lucky few in the park so that it will look pretty. I believe that the neighborhood park should be a park for the people of the neighborhood.

Dr. Katz: My name is Dr. Elliot Katz, I am a veterinarian, president of an animal protection organization in the defense of animals. I am speaking on behalf of the hundreds of members here in San Francisco. I guess tonight I will speak on behalf of the animals that obviously don't have the voice here, as a veterinarian I can attest to the importance of the exercise of being off-leash. It reduces the amount of aggression; it allows the dogs to be far healthier and live longer lives. I am not opposed to the concept of fencing if it is going to separate and give more space to the dogs by separating and dividing spaces that are allocated for parents and their children and a larger space for the dogs, if that is necessary to give the dogs more of an opportunity. Thank you and I am pleased to be available should you need any further advice.

Ms. Goldman: Thanks Commissioners, I am Jane Goldman. My point is very similar to Dr Katz. I am opposed to the confinement of dogs as described in the dog policy, the proposed policy. I understand the efforts to accommodate as many groups as possible but the issue is how do you accommodate this group if you have for example the need for facilities for handball players and for soccer players, you don't give them both a small confined walled in court. Dogs here are the soccer players, and they need space, not only do they need exercise but they just don't get along that well in a confined area. Giving them that small off-leash area is the equivalent of giving a soccer player a handball court, it just doesn't do the job. Thank you.

Ms. Allan: I am Linda Allan. I now own another dream and just one minute. It used to be a reality and I am here to ask you to make that dream a reality again, it is a dream of the community and democracy and for more than a decade and a half that I know of this dream was a reality in Presidio Park, young and old, rich and poor, abled and disabled, families and people living alone mingled in Presidio Park because the dogs too played in Presidio Park and that was

the biggest draw, even if you weren't a dog owner. A few in our neighborhood took it upon themselves to continually call the police in and the Presidio Park is now for the most part, a ghost park. In the houses the neighborhood is less safe, the people are less safe, Presidio Park is one of the small under 10 acres Parks that ... *ran out of time.* I am against this policy.

Ms.Wade: Commissioners, the neighborhood parks council supports the spirit of the draft dog policy and the effort of the Rec & Park Department. The effort that the Department has made to draft a policy that allows shared use of limited open space, clearly a dog policy is needed in San Francisco, when Parkland is shared in such a dense city the rules and regulations need to be clear. At some point when neighbors cannot agree the city needs to step forward to make a decision and resolve community disputes. At the same time we have worked for five years to build neighborhood leadership in our arks and therefore we also believe that the process for decision making about dogs and parks should be flexible enough to accommodate creative neighborhood derived solutions stemming from a thorough public process, especially because there are fiscal as well as aesthetic impacts of the proposed dog policy, community supported solutions will be the best avenue to alleviate these negative outcomes and ensure compliance with the policy. Thank you.

Ms. Arnold: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Carol Arnold and I am here to tell you tonight that I strongly oppose the Rec & Park Department's dog policy both from a personal and professional point of view. As an environmental planner I know how important it is to have a thorough public comment period on any proposed action, particularly, one of a controversial nature like this and to allow those comments unless there is a clear and compelling reason not to influence the direction of any of the action. I attended and spoke at the Board of Supervisors, Rec & Parks Committee meeting on August 7, 2001 and it was clear that the vast majority of comments were against the proposed draft policy, I did not hear any compelling reasons to ignore those comments but that is essentially what has been done. The version of the dog policy before you tonight has changed little from its first iteration and is largely unresponsive to the comments of the many people that testified against it at the committee hearing and by letter or e-mail during the comment period. The few comments that spoke in support of the policy at the Commission hearing seem to be primarily directed at the need to protect habitat, I cannot see how serious students of ecology could make the claim that tiny fragmented habitats in San Francisco contribute significantly to the health of the plan as diversely.

Commissioner Murray: Going to have to ask you to wrap up.

Ms. Arnold: In short I urge you to reject this policy and direct the staff to its more constructive efforts. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: Hi my name is Steve Anderson and this is a little US history lesson from the Declaration of Independence: to secure these rights that the Governments are instituted among men, driving their just powers from the consent of the govern and that whenever any form of the Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter and abolish it and to institute a new Government. Please, listen to the people, I oppose this policy. Thank you.

Ms. O'Leary: Good evening. Please ratify this policy tonight. With leadership and no nonsense priorities in mind. The Department can guide communities to determine if off-leash use is in the best interests of the whole community of park uses and limited open space. We welcome sound environmental consideration to natural resources and that of safe clean and positive experience in nature for people which are undermined by unchecked dogs. Many compromises, indeed, many giveaways have been sacrificed to make this policy draft possible. As a representative to the Neighborhood Parks Council, we do not endorse published by the council's steering committee, which were submitted on behalf of membership but received no endorsement from the membership. We clearly believe that this policy will bring some sanity to our neighborhoods and it is a very workable document, which we welcome. Thank you very much for your patience these many months.

Mr. Henne: Hello Commissioners, my name is Jeff Henne and I was a former committee member on the Open Space Committee for 15 years so I don't envy you the decision you need to

make tonight. I come here in support of the policy. I don't agree with every bit of the policy, there are parts of it that I would change but that is what this is all about, this is a beginning, this is moving forward putting a policy into place and then once that policy is in place, each community figures out how the individual parks will work. It's got to be like that, there are so many competing uses for our parks in the system between soccer and children and playgrounds and dogs and I am a dog owner too. I see the importance of having dogs in parks, when we first got our dog it was there is a vibrant community in the park, and that needs to be preserved as well, so I see this policy as the first step, I urge you to adopt it and we'll make it better as it goes along. Thank you.

Ms. Tiernan: Good evening, thank you. Vicki Tiernan. I was co-founder Friends of Gratten Park and I am a dog owner. I would like to speak about Cole Valley as micro cause in representing what many communities will be like if the policy passes. I hear people talk about sharing the Parks and I think that's a wonderful goal. It is not in the policy to share the parks however, in Cole Valley there's Gratten Park which provides opportunities for several sports, no dogs allowed even though the grassy field sits empty for most of the day every day. Kezar Stadium similarly, is devoted to sports, no dogs allowed, Tank Hill has been declared a natural area, there will be no dogs allowed under the policy to my reading of the policy. I respectfully urge that the Commissioners read the sections about natural areas for themselves. They are very restricted. Even if it were preferable to carve out single use spaces that exclude other uses, we simply don't have the luxury in a city that is only 49 square miles, we don't have unlimited green space. We have to share.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you very much. Tara Dale. I will remind people there are some revised language on the Natural Resources area in the spinning wheel and is also available in the overflow room if there is a desire to read those changes.

Ms. Dale: Hi my name is Tara Dale and I strongly oppose the leash law. I have a dog and dogs need to run and play and they get anxious, they need to run and play every single day and if we're not allowed to take our dogs to the places we like to go and let them run and play and chase the frisbee and things that dogs do and need to do, I just that feel that that right would be taken away from my dog and me. So I strongly oppose.

Mr. O'Donnell: Thank you, my name is Arthur O'Donnell, I am a responsible dog owner of 15 years, a property owner in San Francisco, a small business owner and I oppose this policy because it's not ready yet. There's a lot more work that has to be done to it to accommodate the legitimate needs of dog owners and legitimate needs of other park owners. Sectioning off parks to keep dogs out of the main body of the Park just is not workable and I don't understand why the city would want to turn a major body of voters and citizens into ... laws because people won't pay attention to the rules as written. Thank you.

Ms. Cabado: My name is Ingrid Cabado and I support the dog policy and I especially support the preservation of the natural areas in the park. We don't have to destroy the last remnants of our native habitat and I think a lot of people think like me, they are just not as organized.

Ms. Sarrett: My name is Florence Sarett, I have been a park enthusiast for more than 60 years, first with my three children and later with my dogs so I qualify as a senior and a parent. In both capacities I have to say I have never had a problem with dogs but tonight I want to address what I think is a serious problem in this department, failure to take advantage of co-operation when it's offered. Four years ago SF Dog began doing Park clean-ups and has helped neighborhood communities to organize regular clean-ups of their own but so far as I know Rec & Park have neither encouraged nor ever acknowledged this community-based effort. Two years ago some money was included in the budget for bag dispensers and SF Dog volunteered to get them made. In June of 2001, 20 of them were delivered to Rec & Park but so far as we can determine to this day they are presumably still in storage somewhere. Dog waste in the Parks is probably the largest single complaint that we hear and Rec & Parks management tell us they hear but they have done nothing to help us abate the nuisance.

Ms. Weiss: Good evening, my name is Ernestine Weiss and I believe this is a fair policy and it

should be carried out, there are some people who rightly feel dogs and don't want them leaping at them off-leash without their owners having any discipline, it is not fair to other people and they don't care and then there are dogs that belong in certain parks that are big enough to accommodate them and to right them off. The small parks shouldn't have them at all. For instance a park of two acres shouldn't have dogs at all. You have to consider they ruin the expensive gardening by defecating and urinating on the grass, that is not fair, you should have to curb your dog policy incorporated in this dog policy draft. Leash laws were made for a reason, people do not obey them and that is why we have come to this spot. We need to have discipline in this city. There is not enough space to have them run loose at any place. Thank you.

Mr. Mansfield: I'm sorry I did not hear my name called earlier. I am Clayton Mansfield speaking for the Sierra Club. In considering this policy we appreciate the dog owners advocate for unleashed play areas as a form of active Recreation and for the health and well being of their pet, that is a valid and legitimate interest, we are concerned by rhetoric however, that implies a lack of respect for Park users who prefer a quiet walk in the park as a means of escaping the stress of living in an urbanized area and find unleashed dogs an intrusion, a nuisance and a potential threat to public safety and implies a lack of understanding that the cumulative impact of unleashed dogs as adverse environmental impact and must be mitigated especially in areas that are sensitive inhabited areas or significant natural resources area. This is not the policy we would have written, we have reservations about aspects of it and we await the implementation of the policy but we do urge the city to move forward and adopt this policy. My complete statement is in my written comments which I have submitted for the record. Thank you very much.

Ms. Delloue: Hi my name is Tiffany Delloue, I am a public school teacher for first graders in San Francisco Unified public school district. I live at Presidio Park and have been a dog owner for 15 years. The enforcement policy at Presidio Park has been biased against dogs, it is not a multi use Park any longer since they have enforced the leash laws. There are people that are selling drugs now, getting drunk daily, leaving their garbage but the police only come mornings, noon and evenings to ticket the people who are walking their dogs. As a teacher, I use the parks every week because we don't have a park or a green space at our school. This has enabled my children to interact not only with nature but with animals. Many of my children have overcome fears of interacting with animals as a result of their interactions with pets at the park. This has always been a city for everybody but now I think we are separating ourselves, I am strongly opposed to this policy. Thank you.

Robin Buckley: Hello, thank you for letting me speak tonight, my name is Robin Buckley and I just wanted to preface this by saying this, my family came to this city in the 1850s and we have always had dogs, practically every member of my family has had dogs, we have never had any problems with any of our dogs as far as anybody complaining about them. I think we should just dump this policy and go back to status quo. If there is a problem in the city with somebody and their dog go after that particular person, don't lump us all into one view. We need to be able to exercise our dogs throughout the Park system, there are a lot of dogs in this City, we need space. Thank you very much.

Mr. Schiver: Hi, my name is Eric Schiver, I live in the Castro District and I have had a dog for seven years, my local park was Collingswood Park, which the Rec & Park fenced off, and made useless for dogs, that was also the hub of my social life. I am limited to the Parks that I can walk to which are Duboce Park and Corona Heights. Corona Heights has been fenced in, Duboce Park and Dolores Park have signage saying dogs must be kept on-leash. I don't know how far I can walk to let my dog run free. I have never had a problem in seven years until the Rec & Parks Department came up with this new policy and I believe the Rec & Parks Department needs to be policed.

Ms. Franklin: Hi, I am Sherri Franklin, a member of the Animal Welfare and Control Commission for the City, a homeowner, a tax payer, a business owner and I oppose the RPD dog policy. I think we all agree there are places that are not appropriate for dogs to be. We have approximately 125,000 families with dogs in the city and it is not fair and equitable treatment to give us less than 1% of the city's Parkland, especially when there are 555 acres of golf courses, 100 acres of archery ranges and all the sports fields, which are off limits to dogs. They say a picture is worth a 1000 words and I will send these around, the backside of McKinley Square is

the only legal off-leash dog area on Protero Hill and it is filled with fox tails which are deadly to dogs, homeless people, drug users, weeds so high that they hide criminals, human excrement, broken glass. The topside of McKinley Square has a Gardener there everyday and I have never seen one on the backside where the dogs can be.

Mr. Daley: Hello, my name is Ron Daley, I am opposed to the dog policy. I have attended three meetings, public input meetings at Stern Grove held by the RPD, at one meeting I asked **Elizabeth Goldstein** and her crew if they had made a survey of the people of Stern Grove of what they used it for and how often they used it, she said, "no they hadn't made a survey". I am saying this, if you haven't made a survey of how a park is used, I don't know how you can formulate a policy to exclude dogs from such a park. I am opposed to this Commission accepting this policy I would suggest that they reject it. Thank you.

Ms. Shade: Hi, my name is Starley Shade, I don't represent anybody except me and my dog, and basically I am opposed to the policy because I feel like the large off-leash areas are really important to our community. I live on Bernal Heights, I go to Glen Park, I go to McLaren Park and I have a 75lb dog and if I can't throw a stick for her she's going to get crazy and it is very frustrating to think that she is going to be limited to a size smaller than the area you guys are taking up now and that's really frustrating for me. That's all I have to say.

Mr. Scott: Hi, my name is George Scott, I am a gardener with the Rec & Parks Department. I have been a gardener for 30 years, I would say that the majority of the people who come to the Park let's see 90% of them pick up behind their dog but it's the behavior afterwards, male dogs will urinate in sandboxes and play structures, they harass gardeners, and I am often told that it's not that they don't like you, they don't like your power equipment or your pick-up stick, so, as a grandparent and a parent and I bring my kids to the park I've got to be responsible. People, when you come to the park show a little courtesy to the guy doing the job. If the dog is causing a problem, leash it. I was at Haas Park last Friday, two pitbulls were running around, I had to climb back into the truck. Whatever policy you adopt, you've got to enforce it, I work two Parks, Haas and Christopher, right next to the Police Academy, I see cadets jogging around being harassed all day long, so if they're harassed what's the general public going to think. People ask why isn't their enforcement but that's up to the Department.

Commissioner Murray: I will have to ask you to wrap up now. I have been told that we are having a hard time being heard in the overflow so I am going to speak a little more loudly and a little more slowly in hopes they are able to hear, I will encourage you to do the same within the constraint of the time.

Mr. Hayes: Hi, thank you for allowing me to speak, my name is Dylan Hayes. I am a native San Franciscan, I grew up in Stern Grove in Pine Lake Park and I would just like to see what I know is possible as balanced use between our parks and our natural areas. Stern Grove and Pine Lake are both natural areas and in the past five years I have seen conglomerated dog use and I would like to see it be able to stay there and again that would be a model for balanced use for our Parks and our natural areas and furthermore I would also like to speak towards the natural areas program that it is a valuable program for youth and provides outdoor classrooms that are highly important in a day and age when a lot of our youth programs are being cut and again balanced use, lets put this down to respect and show that we can use our parks responsibly.

Mr. Hall: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Scott Hall, according to yesterday's newspaper I read that San Francisco has the most off-leash space per capita in the entire country. This policy would more than double the space eligible for off-leash use. Judging by the size of the crowd here today that is not enough for San Francisco dog advocates. Is this because San Francisco dog owners are somehow inherently more responsible than dog owners all over the country? Judging by the mud plain and Dolores Park and the fact that 90% of dogs in this City are not even licensed I don't buy the responsibility argument. We also hear that the charged words of tolerance and segregation, are dog owners a class of citizens who have suffered discrimination due to race, gender or are they part of an economically disadvantaged group thus deserving a special treatment in San Francisco, no, I support the policy.

Ms. Powell: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Amy Powell, I am a parent, a park lover and I also serve as the president of the neighborhood association for Dolores Heights who are a residential area near Dolores Park. I am here this evening to encourage you to support and adopt this policy tonight, over the past several years I have participated as a stakeholder in more than a dozen community planning meetings dealing with the issue of off-leash activity and Dolores Park and through a lot of good faith effort on everyone's part, we were not able to agree even on the most basic issues like should the off-leash dog area be located right next to the children's playground and if it is should it be enclosed with fencing or not. I believe the reason we were not successful in reaching consensus was because we did not have any type of policy directive or outline or guidelines, we had widely different expectations and different understandings of what our rights and responsibilities were. Please we need to move further, I would conclude we have for over a year $1million funded playground renovation project that has been on hold ...

Commissioner Murray: Can I take the mike please, this is a good point to have a discussion about this, if you go over time I am going to warn you once if it goes beyond that we are going to take a recess and I will have one of our support folks from the Police Department remove people. We have to share the time tonight just like we are sharing all the other resources, I am really going to encourage everyone regardless of your point of view to stick to the minute and move on. Next speaker please.

Ms. Franklin: Hello, my name is Deanne Franklin, I am a homeowner, tax payer and dog guardian in the City of San Francisco, I am strongly opposed to the revised dog policy, it is just unacceptable. I refuse to be kept out of the process of design and function in my neighborhood park, I would like to know how many golfers actually live in San Francisco, I pay for the upkeep of their acreage, water gobbling, manicured, non-native lawns, I also pay for upkeep in building of areas for children in this city. It is known that giving children clean and positive space to play benefits us all hoping that they can keep a positive attitude, why can I not use some of my tax dollars to see that the welfare of my companion and his friends have a place for themselves. Also, in response to one of the issues brought up by **Elizabeth Goldstein** ... *ran out of time.*

Ms. Kennedy: Hi, my name is Laurie Kennedy and I am speaking tonight on behalf of the San Francisco SPCA. In spite of revisions made by RPD, the proposed dog policy remains flawed, the revised policy does not adequately reflect the input of 1,000's of public comments, it fails to address the fundamental needs of off-leash Recreation. The minimum size for a dog play area has been increased from 8,000 to 10,000 square feet, that is still way too small, it is the size of about 1.5 tennis courts, that is less than ¼ the minimum size Recommended for dog Parks. RPD have removed some requirements for fencing but the policy still mandates that dog play areas must have physical enclosures in all Parks less than 10 acres. That means the overwhelming majority of city Parks will have small enclosed pens with some kind of impenetrable area. The proposed dog play areas are still to small ... *ran out of time.*

Mr. Vern: I am Donald Vern, I applaud the RPD efforts in drafting the comprehensive dog policy. The policy addresses vital health, safety and quality life issues for all San Franciscans. As a long time NPC advocate I do not support the non consensual changes proposed by the NPC Steering Committee. We need a policy that is consistent throughout SF. The time for input has ended, this is the time for support, please adopt the dog policy tonight, implement the education efforts and then enforce the policy for all users recreational enjoyment. Thank you.

Mr. Spero: I'm David Spero, I have served on the Open Space Advisory Committee for several years, in addition my signature gathering firm worked with ... here in parks surveys, I think the basic problem is that basically in 90% of the Parks there is no problem so why have we come to this point were RPD have diligently pursued this process where in 90% of the parks there is no problem, I don't know, perhaps one of the reasons is that several advocacy groups, and they mean well, cannot fathom the change in demographic of parks. I have lived here for 25 years, half of the Parks in this city are not used at all and what they don't understand is that dog owners perhaps now are 50% of the users outside of Golden Gate Park, 50% of the users of all the parks at any time of the day or night in the city, they can't fathom that, reject this policy, it's not needed.

Ms. Ducey: My name is Alida Ducey, I live in the City, I have a dog, I strongly oppose this

policy for many reasons. First of all I don't think it is fair to assume that all the damage to the park is being done by dogs, I think there is damage done by humans, I think all the urination and feces is not dog feces and urination in the parks, it's not fair to assume it is and all the holes and digging and other complaints that have been seen, I just don't think that's fair and secondly I really don't want my tax dollars going towards maintaining pens that I don't want to use. Thank you for your time, please reject this policy.

Mr. Young: My name is Donald Young, I am a member of Friends of Dolores Park and we work in the park, Dolores Park, once a month, a regular work day for three hours and we also do more work during the week on our circled off days we're still there working. We need this policy to preserve the park, it is the only way to help preserve Dolores Park and I am sure it will help preserve all the San Francisco Parks for everybody to use the parks, so I strongly urge you to adopt this policy and thank you.

Ms. Dunlop: My name is Louise Dunlop. 1. You have been talking about compromise and sharing RPD needs to share with the other departments and agencies in this City, for example, the City has a transit first policy. As the other gentlemen earlier pointed out, do we want all our dog people to be getting in a car every day, twice a day to take their dog some place. 2. Muni - only allows one dog on the bus at a time not during rush hour, which means not when you come home from work and take your dog out to play. Secondly, the people also need to be sharing the parks, the maximum use in each neighborhood park is going to keep our parks alive and valid. It is true as somebody who walks all over this city that the people who are in the parks the most are dog people and nannies with kids. If we knock out the dogs are the nannies and kids next? I oppose this policy.

Mr. Daniels: My name is Michael Daniels, I urge you to reject this policy. Thank you.

Mr. Lowthowsky: Good evening Julian Lowthowsky, thank you for allowing us to speak this evening. I think this is an ill conceived policy. I think it is important to recognize that San Francisco is a city and the dog and the dog owner is not the natural enemy of the people who live in the city, the dog and the dog owner are the natural enemy of gangs, of drugs, of people who litter and abuse parks. Unfortunately, sometimes a little bit of dog poop is interpreted as a major crime, however, at least on Protero Hill where I live I know dog owners are essential to the vitality of the parks in the City. Thank you.

Mr. Wilson: My name is William F. Wilson. I just urge whatever you decide to do that it happens tonight because of what you've already heard in terms of this process obviously won't end when we have a policy that's going to be taken elsewhere and who knows what else. I want to address very briefly the responsible dog owners in thinking about what I was going to say today, I actually did look at SF Dogs website and I was amused that I could find information on strategy I could use if I was looking for a place to rent when I should tell my landlord I had a pet, but I could find no information on where to license my dog. I think that that was an interesting telling about when people say about how responsible they want to be. I think that laws should be enforced, I think if we don't need a leash law then maybe we should do away with the law then I will have no expectation when I use our parks that it will be enforced.

Ms. Sherwood: Hello, my name is Linda Sherwood and I am a dog walker and I am also a dog owner and I go to the Park every single day and I see what dogs do and all I see is a lot of freedom and a lot of enjoyment and also with people surrounding the dogs, I think sometimes what we are trying to do is separate nature from the city and I think sometimes we need to incorporate dogs, people, children, everybody. I strongly oppose the dog policy and to quote my grandmother, "if it ain't broke don't fix it".

Ms. Inderdohnen: My name is Jill Inderdohnen and thank you for allowing us to speak. I have been taking my dogs to Dolores Park for about 3 years. They have been running off-leash and are healthier and happier and have lost weight which they needed to do. Me too but that's another story. My boys, my dogs, are large and have managed to endear themselves to those they have met both human and canine. In fact, almost every weekend we are approached by parents whose children are still in strollers, riding shoulders, or just walking asking permission for their children

to pet the dogs. They either cannot have pets where they live or are exploring pets for their children, permission is always granted and there have been no problems, the children are delighted as am I to help. Many people with or without children come to the Park only to watch the dogs play together. It is a remarkable sight and certainly a stress reliever. Please do not take away the pleasure of watching dogs running free that gives both pleasure to dogs and observers. We realize there are areas that are necessarily restricted playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts and soccer fields when in use but allow us dog lovers to continue to use our city parks for recreation. Thank you.

Ms. Sallek: Hi, my name is Denise Sallek, and I am here today on behalf of PAWS, Pets Are Wonderful Support. Our clients are local income people who have aids or other chronic illnesses and their companion animals. Our mission is to keep these animals with their guardians as long as possible. Many of our clients are home bound and are rely on our volunteers to walk their dogs. We match volunteers who live or work in nearby areas as these dogs have been quiet much of the day they need to exercise vigorously, which means off-leash in order to be well behaved. Many volunteers don't have the time to drive across town and we say that if this plan is implemented we will lose many volunteers. As a result some of our clients may be forced to give up their dogs. Those of our clients who can walk their dogs must do so close to their own homes because they don't have money for cars and they often don't have the strength or stamina to keep up with their dogs. We have testimonial after testimonial about how important dogs are to our clients' lives. I represent 360 clients 450 volunteers and 8000 donors, please oppose this plan.

Mr. McCormack: Good evening Commissioners. I am against the draft dog proposal for two reasons, dollars and sense. Dollars because there certainly is not enough money in the city budget to pay for it and sense because the policy doesn't make sense. I regularly go to the existing off-leash areas in Golden Gate Park and Corona Heights. To say they are poorly maintained would be an exaggeration, they are not maintained at all, they are simply abandoned. At a time when the City is asking all their departments to prepare cuts of up to 10% in their budget, meaning cuts in education, healthcare, social services, it is absurd to think we'd be able to find the money to create and enforce these new areas. As a result dog owners will be left high and dry with the existing areas removed and no new ones created. I would instead propose one simple change, removing the letter `r' from the word draft and calling it what it is a "daft" dog proposal.

Ms. McAllister: My name is Mary McAllister, the proposed dog policy is inadequate in many respects but it doesn't matter what the policy says because its implementation is put in the hands of an advisory committee that could be composed entirely of organizations that are opposed to all forms of off-leash Recreation outside of pens with "impenetrable barriers" in their words. I have used my rights as a citizen to obtain the memberships and affiliations of four existing RPD advisory committees. The four, there are four and only four. These committees are composed entirely of supporters of the activity for which they advise for example, the tennis and grounds sports advisory committees are composed entirely of people who play or teach those sports. I have also obtained the letters written to RPD about their proposed dog policy from the organizations that have been proposed for membership on the dog advisory committee. These letters confirm that seven of the 15 organizations that are proposed as members of the dog advisory committee are entirely opposed to all forms of off-leash Recreation outside of fenced pens. Thank you.

Mr. Kulick: Good evening my name is David Kulick, I am a co-founder of Dolores Dogs and Dolores volunteers, we have been working with Dolores Park for over five years and we have raised 1,000s of dollars for Park improvements and we have participated in over 20 projects within the park. I am deeply offended by the comments from Mrs. Goldstein tonight about the possibility of public comment and input when it has been our experience, and that of our 600+ members to get RPD and herself into a meeting and to realistically discuss this situation, you have to drag her to a meeting through her supervisor, and we have watched as park by park the promises that RPD make to us and our groups are summarily dismissed or simply forgotten. We have watched as public comment was ignored not countered or simply rejected, if it didn't reflect the opinions of the Department. We oppose this policy. Thank you.

Ms. Asher: Good evening my name is Poe Asher, I am a home owner and tax payer in San

Francisco, I have lived here for 26 years, I have also enjoyed walking my dogs off-leash for 20 years. I urge you to reject this policy it is segregationist and discriminatory. To responsible dog owners, I belong to several groups, we often participate in clean-ups. Our dogs didn't put the bits of glass or bottles or fast food litter, our dogs did not throw logs into Pine Lake that are there to prevent the erosion of the hillside, but we pick those things up. My dogs are bird dogs, they have never injured a bird in the park, they have never eaten a bird that didn't come from a Fosters Farms package. Thank you.

Ms. Budeski: My name is Francine Budeski and you did well with my name. San Francisco is a very forward thinking city, we lead the nation in setting policy that makes a difference in the quality of peoples lives and examples include things like domestic partner health benefits, bike paths throughout our city and so forth, it is my understanding that SF dog bite rate currently is much lower than the national average. Less than one half of cities our size on average, this is very low and our euthanasia rate is just one tenth of the national average. San Franciscans should be very proud of these numbers, we must be doing something right. What if our crime rate was one tenth of the national average, what if our homeless rate was on half of the national average, people would be coming from all over the world to find out how we did it, if this policy draft before you this evening is adopted, you are going to see an increase in dog bite rates and euthanasia, I strongly urge you to vote no this evening on this policy.

Mr. Olivas: I'm Rick Olivas, I am with the California Soccer Association. Our 5,000 affiliated members in San Francisco strongly support this document and hope that you will implement it this evening. Thank you.

Mr. Wather: I oppose fencing off dogs, got a story, I moved to the city about 5 years ago and I was living in the Richmond area of SF, just north of Golden Gate Park, had a new dog and I was asking around in my new neighborhood where can I take my dog to exercise they said you can go anywhere but the dog park, which I thought was kind of strange so I went to the dog park, checked it out myself but only stayed there about a month. I noticed I had to wear special boots because it was so muddy, I couldn't play with my dog because every time I would throw a Frisbee or some sort of ball about 20 dogs would go running over my dog and also within that month my dog was attacked twice. I find it ironic that the only place that I still won't go to in Golden Gate Park is the dog Park.

Ms. Moss: A visit to the park must be safe and enjoyable that is why I support the adoption of the dog policy, it will ensure that our parks will be used well and remain for the next generation of users. One user group cannot be allowed to dominate a park. I have lived in Glen Park since 1975 and seen the negative impact the ever increasing off-leash dog population has in our park. We shouldn't have to fence in our children's playground, we shouldn't have to fence in our butterfly and daisy garden, we do so though in order to protection from the damage done by off-leash dogs. We should be able to sit on our lawns without getting up smelling like a toilet, we should be able to have safe, athletic fields, free from holes put there by dogs. We should be able to preserve our natural areas and not allow further pollution to Ilais Creek, which studies have shown to be polluted by dog feces so I do encourage the dog policy. Thank you.

Ms. Cameron: My name is Christy Cameron and I am a home owner and tax payer in SF and I oppose the dog policy and I would like to address the revised language on the natural resources area because I think it reveals what some of the problems are. These areas like Glen Park, McLaren Park, Bernal Hill, they're areas that dog owners have gone to for a long time for off-leash recreation because they are not where the sports fields are etc, the natural areas when the director says it may only take 125 acres, that is a lot of acreage when you consider how small the area we have for off-leash and even with the revised language it reveals that they are concerned with supporting such things as locally important in addition to rare and threatened and endangered species. Thank you.

Mr. Zendarski: Hello, I am Art Zendarski, thanks for taking our comments tonight. RPD approach to off-leash Recreation is that they can't get rid of it so minimize and contain it as opposed to addressing it as a legitimate form of recreation. The quarter of households in SF that have dogs deserve better, we urge you to reject the RPD pet policy and seriously consider the SF Dog pet policy - within that policy there is an expanded menu to off-leash experiences, for

instance, shared use areas, time use areas, where early morning and late afternoon hours are devoted to off-leash use and this works very well in West Portal Park. Zone use areas such as animal square where half the park is off-leash and half is on-leash, another good example. SF continues to re-establish a standard, motivate change and encourage tolerance. It is with this spirit I ask you to set a new standard and support the SF Dog pet policy. Thank you.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners thank you, my name is David Robertson, I was one of the stakeholders who worked on the development of the draft policy and SF desperately needs new dog parks and it needs to have them developed in a way that is fair to all of the people who use the parks, and this policy does that and that's why it's supported by organizations representing 1,000s of San Franciscans including the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, California Native Plants Society, a league of conservation voters and Coleman advocates. I think it is important to keep in mind what is being opposed here. I think what you are hearing is that the oppose the leash law not this policy. There are a lot of people who passionately oppose the lease law in SF, but they are not the majority of San Franciscans, they are not the majority of park users and based on my experience they are not the majority of dog owners and the overwhelming majority of citizens will be satisfied by the implementation of this policy. It's a fair policy and I urge you to adopt it. I also wanted to note that those comments you received from MPC were not approved by the membership and would not have been approved by the stakeholders. Thank you.

Ms. Stansfield: My name is Lesley Stansfield and I am a taxpayer, homeowner, dog owner and mother, I am also a supporter of the natural areas program but what I really want to talk about is economics and I feel that this is a really expensive program and there are so many programs that have been cut from the budget recently because of dwindling resources and the other aspect of economics is that in SF as it becomes more and more expensive it seems that fewer people are able to afford children and more people are able to afford their dogs, so I think it is really important that we consider that aspect of SF's economics and I do definitely oppose the dog policy. Thank you very much.

Mr. McAllister: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Keith McAllister, I want to speak on behalf of the many environmentalists in the Sierra Club and Audubon Society who support off-leash recreation in City parks. Both Sierra Club and Audubon have written to you opposing off-leash recreation and they have spoken to you tonight but the general membership of these organizations does not know anything about the letters or presentations. There are many environmentalists in both these clubs who support off-leash Recreation. In April we sent a letter to the GGNRA supporting off-leash Recreation in that Park, the letter was signed by 47 local Sierra Club members. 47 Sierra Club environmentalists who know that off-leash Recreation in Parks is completely consistent with protection of those parks from damage and degradation. Dogs are just a convenient scapegoat for damage caused by people. We are passionate environmentalists who care deeply about the environmental health of our city parks. We expect to responsibly share these parks with other legitimate users, we urge you to send this draft policy back to RPD with instructions to sit down with responsible dog owners and to write a dog policy for San Francisco which we can all support.

Ms. Kieferer: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Lyndsay Kieferer. I am going to attempt to give a quick chronology of RPD mismanagement of the off-leash dog recreation in City parks. In 1976 SF designated 17 areas for legal off-leash Recreation. The designations are made with no research as to actual park use patterns, 20 years later SF Dog publishes a report card on SF Dog park which gives most of the facilities a grade of `D' or `F', and nearly all are found to be unsafe, unmaintained and inadequate. Beginning in the mid 90's Rec & Park begins to restrict or eliminate off-leash use in park after park. Many meetings are held over the future of off-leash recreation. The supporters of off-leash always well outnumber the opposers, Rec & Parks make many promises but these are regularly broken and dog owners continue to be marginalized and dismissed as illegitimate users of their city Parks. Corona, the model dog Park becomes a fenced in bald dirt patch, Gratten is closed. Presido is made off limits to off-leash walking. Eurkea and Upper Noe Valley get horrible sand pits. My summation the residents of SF have peacefully co-existed in our Parks for decades ... *ran out of time*

Ms. Farrow: Good evening, Anne Farrow. The proposed pet policy is an armchair policy, it doesn't look at how SF's parks are being utilized now successfully. Many smaller parks Duboce

and Dolores for example have successful shared use histories with off-leash Recreation organized athletics and playing children all being in parks together or with informal timesharing arrangements. Implementing a plan that is opposed by the very community that it should serve would not only be an administrative, financial and enforcement nightmare but would also destroy in important neighborhood communities. I have examples of three parks that have recently renewed their commitment to off-leash Recreation. One of these is Pine Lake, Stern Grove, where changes have been proposed but the DPW has met three times with the community and off-leash recreation will continue including trail access. A second is Alta Plaza Park which according to the reports from the neighborhood parks council has an improved dog walking area and water fountain with dog drinking bowl. I have a third one ... *ran out of time.*

Mr. Aldridge: My name is Joss Aldridge, I've lived in SF for over 30 years. Every night hundreds of cars are parked on sidewalks around the City and little is done about this. You can drive your car with the stereo system so loud it can be heard for blocks and nothing is done about this, you can openly deal drugs in Dolores Park across the street from one of the largest high schools in the City and dog walkers can testify to this, little is done about it, but if this policy is adopted, police officers are going to be asked to give out 1,000s of citations to people who walk their dogs off-leash. The woman who introduced this policy called this city one of the densest in the country, with all due respect if you accept this policy that will be the truest thing she said.

Mr. Lee: My name is Hubert Lee, I am here on behalf of the Broadway Tunnel West Muni Park, I strongly urge you to adopt this policy, I am not an anti dog person, the part I especially like is the fact that the dog play area is minimum size is 10,000 square feet, the Broadway Tunnel West Muni Park is only 5,000 square feet, currently it is one of these penned in dog Parks that have just taken over the community. I would like to inform the Board that despite the less than enthusiastic response to the draft supporters that have come before you this evening, it is exactly this, that more of my neighbors are not willing to come out this evening to confront the Board and make our point made to this membership exactly what I am talking about, thank you. So I urge this Board to strongly support this despite the fact that the representation here this evening is mostly for ... *ran out of time*

Ms. McLure: Wendy McLure, co-chair of SF Dog Owners group. Last year SF Dog Owners group wrote and submitted a pet policy to you the supervisors of Rec & Park, I would like to submit it to you again. I strongly urge you to review it, unlike Rec & Parks' policy it provides solutions that work for everybody, our policy is different because it's flexible, emphasizes shared use and offers viable off-leash alternatives while at the same time recognizing a need for on-leash and dog free spaces. 2. It bases itself on public education an education program can be launched immediately, it is far less expensive than developing dog pens, would have a wide ranging and lasting benefits for our parks. 3. Our policy involves public input and partial park surveys, well publicized community meetings should determine a course of action for each park. When park users themselves help develop the plan compliance will be ensured. I strongly urge you to read out policy again.

No name: I came to represent my neighborhood, all seniors, I am talking about Whitney Park, it is very small, we used to have a beautiful park for everybody to walk, dogs, kids, grandma, all people and over 10 years ago they put up the fence, for the dog, they took the dogs there, 10-20 dogs in there, they pee they pooh and so smelly and condemn the nation and I pay tax some 50 odd years and how would you like a dog bathroom in front of your house. We cannot open our windows, bad smell, so many flies, so many fleas.

Ms. Marilyn: My name is Sandra Marilyn, I have lived in Bernal Heights for 20 years. Bernal Heights has an impressive community of people who own dogs and that is the community that maintains that park. We clean up after our dogs and we clean up after the human beings who leave their refuge in our park. This is not a park that is suitable for a soccer field, people don't have picnics there, it's too rocky for a playground, it is however used and loved and maintained by the people who walk their dogs there. I urge you to consider this. Thank you.

Ms.Cassol: Hello, my name is Marilyn Cassol. I live in SF, I commend **Elizabeth Goldstein** for having the courage to propose a dog policy for city parks. It is at least 20 years overdue. The current draft is not perfect but it is far better than what we have had which is confusion and

abuse by many dog walkers. I support the draft dog policy and I hope you will too or support enforcement of the current laws pertaining to dogs. Thank you.

Ms. Teasdale: Hi I am Barbara Teasdale, I am a home owner, mother of two and dog owner of two. I really strongly oppose this policy, the park I take my dogs to we have a very beautiful community up there, we walk our dogs, we talk, we have developed a wonderful place to socialize with each other and with our dogs, I really feel that this policy would alter that and basically destroy it and since I seem to be a little nervous I am going to end now and just say that I strongly oppose this. Thank you.

Lacy: My name is Paoli Lacy, and for 22 of the 25 years I have lived in SF I have been a non dog owner and there are many, many non dog owners like myself who would be very upset about any further restriction of off-leash dog activity, we like dogs. For three of the years I have been here, I had a rescue dog who had aggression issues and I could not let off-leash but the only time that he completely got over those was when I was at my sister's house in Pennsylvania where he could run off-leash for 2-3 hours a day and there were no problems then. It's important to dogs to be able to run ... *[ran out of time]*

Balowdie: Hello my name is Julian Balowdie, I am taxpayer and a small business owner in SF as well as a dog owner. I would just like to say that I live on Bernal Heights and I would say at least 75% of Bernal Heights use is dog walkers and I just think that is really important. I would also like to point out that you call this a democratic process for a week and a half every day the flyers for this meeting disappeared, they'd go up the day before and be gone the next morning so someone wanted to keep people away from this meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Murphy: My name is Dan Murphy, I support the proposed regulations to provide defined off-leash dog run areas in some of our parks. The present situation is intolerable. There are very few city parks in which there are no dogs, the zoo and Candlestick stand out. I have been accosted twice this year in Pine Lake Park, aggressive, barking, snarling dogs with owners far in the distance are not what I go to the park for. They are a constant threat to anyone who uses our Parks. I wonder how many potential Park users just stay away because they fear these encounters. Wildlife has suffered incredibly since off-leash dog running has been given free reign. Pine Lake is the worse case example, ducks no longer breed there, quail have been absent for over 15 years. You can find crown sparrows no longer use that park. Though the park supports a rich ava fauna there are only two ground nesting species left. I urge you to start to manage our parks for the citizens, the wildlife, the resources and adopt this policy. Thank you.

Mr. Silver: My name is Rod Silver, and I live at Dolores Park and I urge you to vote against this policy, I don't like it and a lot of people don't like it either, I sympathize with Miss Goldstein's efforts to get more community involvement to manage our parks and that's why I think we should abolish her department and then bill the money out in grants to the neighborhood parks. I think we could do a lot better job that she can. Thank you.

Ms. Coffman: Hi, my name is Alicia Coffman, I am a SF native, I have never owned a dog in SF but I find having dogs around off-leash completely increases my quality of life here. When I was little growing up in the Haight Ashbury the parks were dangerous places to go, now there are dogs off-leash running around and types of crimes that were happening there when I was growing up don't happen anymore and I know this because I still live in the neighborhood. I don't know if you've experienced this but to me watching a dog play off-leash is like hearing a child laugh, it gives you such joy. I realize you have a hard job to do and I hope that you hear what most of the people here are saying tonight and that's to oppose the current policy and I know it is hard but to put some more work in and draft a better policy. Thank you.

Ms. Gravinos: Good evening I am Ruth Gravinos. We have heard a lot of talk about the need for areas for people to run their dogs off-leash and I didn't even know that was being disputed, of course, we need areas for people to run their dogs off-leash and we need a process for increasing the number of areas and the amount of acreage and improving the conditions for off-leash dog activity. We also need to consider the needs for other park users and except for Dan Murphy we haven't talked about one very important group of park users, the non-humans and it is essential

that we have a process that takes into account the needs of wildlife of all different kinds. We need a process that allows for scientific information to be brought to bare but there is no reason why we can't have off-leash dog activity and also protect our wildlife, I think I support the plan but I am a little nervous about some of the last minute additions in terms of reducing the areas we consider valuable habitat.

Mr. Varnet: Hello Commissioners, my name is Peter Varnet, I live in the Ocean View, Brooks Park, I support the hard work that **Elizabeth Goldstein** and her staff have put in and this maddening process. Nobody is completely satisfied with it but it is a step in a good direction, let's be real here ... the Police and Animal Control Department, they are not going to be running all over our parks enforcing anything, they haven't enforced the leash laws for the last 15 years so why would they suddenly be coming out to our parks now. I am looking forward to having this policy basically make neighbors, the local people non dog users and dog users get together and talk about what will work for our parks and that's what will happen. Most dog owners in our park are very responsible, there's 8% that's not, the responsible dog owners will teach the non responsible dog owners to be more responsible, this policy will force us together and talk about the real issues. I support it as it is. Thank you.

Unidentified speaker: I am here to oppose the policy, I think a couple of very important points have been brought out that people feel much safer in parks where there are dogs running free with their owners who are taking care of them. Women in parks feel safer with dogs keeping somewhat undesirable people away from the parks, I think that is very important. I had not even thought of the argument of traveling across town in cars that would add to pollution and such but that is another good argument. I support it certainly because of the camaraderie with the people who walk the dogs, I believe that dogs do far less damage than people do in parks and the parks that I take my dogs to have always been very, very clean because we clean it, we always carry our Chronicle bags are very good for that sort of thing, picking up dog feces and I think that we really deserve to have a place where the city can remain as beautiful as it has been for the 30 years that I have been here.

Gipson: Hi My name is Robyn Gipson, I am dog walker and a dog owner and a voting citizen for 15 years in SF. The best provision I can see in the revised draft is the installation of added gates at designated DPA's they are going to need them when the dogs start locking it up in there. The fact is the City needs to look at some things that is not looked up until now. One of them is the fact that dogs in parks are not merely about recreation, certainly there is an element of recreation in it but it is primarily about the education and socialization needs of a creature that needs to learn about common urban experiences such as children, horses, ducks and so on. The dog is essentially a 4-year old child, and it needs to be conditioned for those experiences just as a child is in order to be a good little citizen when he is exposed to them. Goldstein stated that the Gold Bone Program was not her brilliant idea in a closed session with the supervisors, I know it wasn't, it was originally my idea, I advocated it back 1995, but the Gold Bone Program in the form that it takes in the policy is not correct rendering of it and even if it was what the RPD calls both Gold Bone is nothing but a means to an end in order to see what it really is all about I strongly urge you and the RPD to take a look at the paper I have submitted ... *[ran out of time].*

Ms. Harris: My name is Mary Harris, if this much energy was put into the homeless problem and other problems we'd have a solution by now. I strongly support the draft dog policy, it is long overdue. As a guardian of my three dogs I purchased a home with a front yard, back yard and a driveway that runs the length of the property before I became a dog owner, I think that is part of being a responsible dog owner, that is why I believe this policy is a work in progress. I would like to make three suggestions:

1. the communities have input and final say in their parks

2. that the dog advisory committee be expanded to include team and action network - schools, departments, tennis and soccer users and park gardeners

3. and that we have dog bays in the park providing licensing vaccinations and dog training opportunities.

Thank you and **Commissioner Murray**: you are a brave man, first redistricting now dog policy, I admire you.

Ms. Davis: My name is Catherine Davis and I live in Noe Valley. I recently moved back to SF after 3 years away from the city. I moved back for the first time as a dog owner. I cannot tell you what a difference it makes to be able to explore the city with my dog in the off-leash areas. In Noe Valley there is a dog run which I am imagining looks and feels a lot like the dog recreation areas you are proposing. I have a 25lb cocker spaniel and she needs a lot of exercise, she can't exercise in that area, it is too confined, it is scary, there is no place for a smaller dog, I urge you to rethink this policy and also to look at these off-leash areas and the amazing responsibility that I see as a newcomer of this population of dog owners and the amazing diversity of the population interacting in these areas, it is really remarkable and something to be proud of in the City of SF.

Ms. Aureoles: Hi my name is Anapella Aureoles and I would like to take a little bit more time to read as I am visually impaired. I am here with my service dog Henry Miller and I oppose the policy. I feel this policy as written has serious side effects that are likely to cause other social problems pertaining to dogs. I say this because virtually all policies have certain consequences that are unforeseeable, the dog, we know think, feel and react in ways very like humans which explains their unique ability to fit into human society, no animal does more for us nor can any claim more years of allegiance with us than the dog. Our partner, our friend, our housemate. I would just like to say that this particular policy is very discriminatory and I just couldn't imagine not seeing an animal run in the park and play and be what they're supposed to be. I am against this policy totally. Thank you.

Ms.Moise: My name is Karen Moise, and I am a long time health professional in this city but I have only actually lived in the city for 15 years and when I arrived in the area of McLaren Park I was told that it was too dangerous to walk there even in the daytime. I braved it and did a lot of native plant work but now I own two dogs who I have spared you from seeing tonight and my life and my mental health and physical health centers around the camaraderie and activities that we do in the park. I think that this is an urban area and we all have to share the small amounts of green space that we have. The dog policy as it is written now is abominable and I think it should be rethought.

Mr. Carlin: My name is Bill Carlin. I am a member of the Californian Native Plants Society, the Sierra Club. I have been active volunteer and supporter of the natural areas program and I am here to ask you to not adopt this policy at this time. This is a policy not just about dogs, it is a policy about people. Come September, people who have their dog off-leash in any but the appropriate areas will be cited. There will be only 17 areas in the city where people can walk their dogs off-leash legally. McLaren Park is one of those areas and eventually people will not be welcome so there will be fewer places to exercise the dogs off-leash and the process to create a new off-leash dog area could take years aside from the fact that it is going to cost a lot of money at a time when the department doesn't have a lot of money. A better policy would create new off-leash areas before the limiting people. I have some letters from people from McLaren Park I would like to submit. ... *[ran out of time]*

Ms. Darrah: Good evening Commissioners, my name is Jean Darrah, I am a mother of thee small children and the district nine representative to the open space committee. The current situation as it existed in the past few years has pitted neighbors against each others and ruined communities it has also left many of our parks as de-facto dog runs that cannot be used children. **Elizabeth Goldstein** has shown the leadership to undertake a long and difficult process of developing a policy that serves the off-leash community as well as protecting other park users. It greatly expands upon the existing 19 off-leash areas that are already here. Many concessions have also been made on matters of grass turf, no fences, and no user fees. Nevertheless the policy remains a sound procedural framework and fair compromise. There will always be a small minority who feel strongly that the leashes are never appropriate. Please support the policy.

Mr. Zebell: Good evening my name is Randy Zebell. I'm president of the San Francisco chapter of the California Native Plant Society. My organization and its five hundred members are dedicated to the conservation of the diverse native flora of California. We work to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural

habitat through specific scientific activities, education and conservation. I was concerned to hear Elizabeth talk today, to hear about the decrease in acreage set aside for plant protection, but despite that my organization reluctantly supports this policy. It took a lot of courage on the part of Recreation and Parks Department to tackle this difficult issue, and I ask the Commissioners to take courage and pass this compromise (unintelligible) policy. Thank you.

Angelique: My name is Angelique. We hear a lot at the beginning of the meeting bagging on a number of meetings and therefore input, but input that is ignored is not really communication, and that's what's happened here. I am 59 years old, I have asthma, I have arthritis, my dog accompanies me to a park walking at my space, my pace, on a leash, coming back from the park he walks at my pace on a leash. It is only at the park that my dog has the freedom to run around and enjoy himself at a pace that's better for him. I think this current policy basically is discriminatory against the companions of those of us who cannot ourselves run around the way our dogs need to have people run around with them. Lastly let me say that this is an anti-dog policy as it stands. It seriously needs to be amended especially on (unintelligible) of those dog laws. If in fact we're going to actually have two separate sets of things, then maybe we need to separate bond issues, so that we can fun for dogs and fun for non-dogs. If I may say so, my last comment...

Mr. Katz: I'm Sidney Katz. In recent years we have heard so much about destruction of the Amazon rainforest, and more recently we heard about threats to the unique plants and animals on the African Island of Madagascar. Therefore I am surprised and sometimes shocked that we have substantial local opposition to preserving local native plants and animals. Obviously you and I have not done enough to educate and inform the public about the threats to native species. Nearly all of our city has been converted to human use, only a small percentage remains intact, as it was before human development. The Amazon is far away and it's hard to have an influence there. So I urge all of us present to make an impact here, in San Francisco by protecting our small remnant of native plants and animals. Thank you.

Ms. Mc Dermott: My name is Mary Mc Dermott. I am a long time member of NPC, I'm representing (unintelligible) Open Space Park. I do not support NPC's proposed change to the policy. I think it's very ambiguous. I support the policy. I give a lot of credit to Rec and Park for bringing this up. It's been very contentious. They have had a lot of testimony from all kinds of people. I'm sorry that it's in the evening because parents aren't as able to come now. I had one parent tell me that this is the hour when they get to spend with their family, and so they're not here to testify for the children. Coleman Advocates are but the parents aren't. I urge you to support this policy.

Unidentified speaker: I'm just mentioning Carolyn Murphy had to leave because of her child. She opposes the policy. Thank you.

Mr. Franklin: Good evening. My name is Don Franklin and I am a Rec Director with our Park and Rec Department, been in it since '83. I'd like to tell you I don't know what the answer to this is, but I hope some kind of way that our Department does find one because as a director, many directors have experienced good experiences with dogs as well as not so good ones, and I can tell you now a lot of directors feel if some of our baseball fields are looking to be dog runs, makes it kind of hard for us to do our job, and we really want to do a good job for you. I know where I work at Eureka Valley, that's been a hot bed of dog wars, and in the last two, two and a half years, we've had a fence out there, and we recently got a compliment from the Vice President of the Giants, who said how nice it was when we were having kids play there on Saturday. So whatever we do I hope you consider the Park and Rec directors, because the police aren't going to be the first ones you see. It's going to be guys like myself and other people I work with. Thank you.

Mr. Loving: Hello my name's Steve Loving. I live on 21st Street, just eight minutes from Kite Hill open space and twenty minutes from Corona Heights, and being a dog owner has forced me to have a very local view of the world. My dogs demand it. And being a Rec and Park trained naturalist and a lover of native plants and habitats forces me to have a very local view of open spaces around me. There is no conflict in these two views. In fact there's an incredible

opportunity for Rec and Park, nature lovers and dog owners, let's just build a partnership for stewardship. I've been a natural areas volunteer for over three years and you should see the results on Kite Hill. Right now you can see a beautiful swatch of deep purple flowers on the western slope. No one planted these; they just took off once we pulled out the invasive species. And I want you to know that during this spontaneous resurgence, the dog use was just as strong as ever. Dogs are not threatening this habitat. Human beings and their ineffective institutions are threatening the habitat. Any Rec and Park policy that uses a blanket exclusion of dogs and owners from designated natural areas, fails everyone. Thank you.

Ms. Dennes: Hi, I'm Barbara Dennes, a native San Franciscan, a parent, a dog owner, and a professional dog walker for the past six years. I know the parks and I know the dog runs very well. The dog runs are disgusting. It could be a very hot day and you would see dogs covered in mud. Mud puddles are never filled, they just get worse and worse. They're filled with feces and urine. And the dog walkers have to wash the dogs off after every outing. Not to mention that these dog runs get over crowded with dogs and there's a lot of dog fighting going on. There's a lot of other dogs too that will not exercise in a dog run. They just sit there and they're frightened. These dogs need to go out and they need to run around. As for some of the parks I go to, the only positive thing going in those parks are people walking dogs. I have seen condoms, needles, glass everywhere, homeless people, human feces, urination everywhere, and anonymous sex. And I want to know why is nothing being done about that? So, I oppose it naturally.

Ms. Rosales: Hi, my name is Janine Rosales. I'm a native San Franciscan, I still live here. I'm very upset about this, to the point to where I'm probably getting super red and probably at the point of crying. I have a dog that was considered vicious and dangerous because she attacked a small dog. She was attacked when she was nine months and ended up fear aggressive, same day she was attacked by some man threatening to bash her brains into the cement, cracking the skull open 'til her brains flew all over the place, and to this day I still do not believe that dogs should not be allowed to roam free. Dogs aren't even allowed into houses, not houses, but buildings and restaurants, okay that's fine, but to deny them the access to run around, free and naturally, in an open space, I feel, is totally discriminative. I would really love to meet this person who wrote this policy. I would really like to meet her. I really would. Not that I would like to get violent or anything...

Ms. England: My name is Eleanor England, I'm an avid medicinal plants enthusiast and a member of the Sierra Club, and I also have a service animal. I'm here on behalf of her and as a coordinator of the effort to maintain the off leash hours in Jackson Park. As such I hope that this matter will be referred to the board of supervisors as soon as possible. Judging by the amount of applause going on upstairs it seems as if the majority of citizens in San Francisco are opposed to this basic policy, and the department of Recreation has failed to come up with an equitable solution that meets our needs. Speaking to members of the dog groups in Noe and Dolores, I hear frustration with the Parks and Rec and a belief that the Parks and Rec department is trying to "wear them down". Here's an example letter, I Received an email. I also have sixty-two signatures and emails from people who could not be here today, who support off leash dog hours in local neighborhood parks. Please send this to the supervisors right now. Thank you. And I could also leave my other materials, but I would need to Xerox some of them.

Commissioner Murray: If you want to submit them, you can submit them to our office after this meeting that would be fine. They'll be on the record.

Mr. Donner: My name is Chris Donner, and I'm a jogger, and I like to jog in parks, and I like to jog in parks where I feel safe. I feel safest in parks where there are other people. I am afraid that if dogs are required to be on leash less people will go to the Parks to walk their dogs, and it's also likely that I would also be less likely to go to the parks. I've never had a problem with the dogs when I'm jogging. The dogs and the dog walkers are very considerate, and they usually actually get off the trail so I can go by them. I am against the proposed policy, and I look forward to continue feeling safe running in the parks.

Mr. Heisler: Hi Commissioners my name is Karl Heisler. I want to tell the department staff I really appreciate the effort that they have put in and also the volunteers, I know a lot of people have worked really hard. I also know, I understand, there's I think competing interests because I

was pretty much afraid of dogs when I was a kid, probably because I didn't have one. I have had for nine years. I live in Bernal Heights, right near Presida Park, every day when I walk to work past the park and earlier than that when I'm walking my dog on leash in the park, there's nobody in the park. There has to be a way to allow some sort of shared usage hours, at least early in the morning, because there's nobody else in the parks at that time. I also at the risk of offending people I know well and who've spent a lot of time in this, and also speaking in front of my high school biology teacher, I strongly feel that we're in a city and you really need to think really hard about restricting any areas to people and dog use for any reason.

Ms. Elmansoumi: My name is Deirdre Elmansoumi, and I'm the Director of two small nonprofits, Community Gardens for Butterflies and Kids in Parks. As an advocate for habitat for wildlife in the city and as a person who takes children into parks to give them at least a short break from television and video games, I'm disheartened when I hear the children tell me they don't like a park because there are too many dogs. I want to say these are kids whose parents don't have time to take them to parks. In addition it is very difficult to find a place in parks where the kids can sit and have their snack because of the smell from dogs. Although I don't think these problems will go away with this policy. I think it is a fair compromise. Please support this policy.

Ms. Arost: My name is Aimee Arost and I oppose the policy. I think that the policy as drafted is ambiguous at best and deceptive at worst. I spoke with several people before coming here who had seen the policy and didn't know what was going to happen at Bernal Heights. I understand there have been some revisions since we received the policy, but since we didn't receive them before today, cannot speak to what those revisions say. I think that there's several problems with the policy as drafted. There's the safety issues that have already been discussed. There's the transportation issues that have already been discussed, and there's the exercise issues that I would strongly reiterate. I would also ask each of you before making a decision to take a drive to Bernal Heights and see who's using the park and see what the park looks like right now. I would also ask for evidence supporting any conclusion that the present state of the natural habitat is as a result of dog usage.

Mr.Hoyt: My name is Palmer Hoyt, as a resident and homeowner in Bernal Heights I urge you to reject the dog policy. By caging dogs in confined areas you will also be caging in people like me. I'm the proud owner of a nine-month-old dog; I walk with her off leash in Bernal Park and several other parks that will be effected by this policy. When I walk my dog, I'm not just hanging around as she plays, nor am I throwing a ball for her to run and retrieve, instead I walk along trails, I take in views, I experience the plants, native and not so native, and the vegetation as they change with the seasons. While off leash my dog has choices during the walk, which not only keeps her sane but enables me to teach her difference between good behavior and bad behavior. Only being able to walk my dogs on leash is completely impractical. Only being able to allow her off leash in caged in areas is a personal nightmare. Doing laps in confined spaces does not begin to replace the off leash activity I currently enjoy with my dog. The proposed dog policy would result in a huge loss of freedom and enjoyment for one quarter of the city's residents. Thanks.

Ms. Mahoney: My name is Sheila Mahoney, and I am a homeowner, and I have three dogs. All of which are licensed. I am very opposed to this policy. The keystone of it seems to be dog pens and enforcements. I have read the policy. The one constant in this policy is the refrain when financially possible. I'm also a bookkeeper. In a period of declared Recession and undeclared war, realistically just what is financially possible? Why set up such expensive and restrictive dog pens when the problem really is the need for more designated off leash space. We don't need all this expensive infrastructure to exercise our dogs. What we need are appropriate signage, poop bag dispensers, trash bins and more space. Thank you.

Ms. Shephard: My name is Jane Shephard. I'm a 30-year resident and I raise my children in our City parks. If this policy is adopted there will be a period of time, conceivably a very long period of time where there will be no legal off leash areas in San Francisco, with ticketing and the GGNRA and the prospect of no off leash parks, I began walking my dog on leash in my neighborhood. I was surprised to see just how many other people are now doing the same, and I was saddened by how many dogs are aggressive, and how often someone asks would you please

go around where the dogs are straining their leashes. At the last hearing a few people who were very afraid of dogs eloquently explained that people with phobias about airplanes, heights, speaking in public, etc. can avoid these situations, but people who are afraid of dogs can't avoid them. I admire their courage at standing up to ask that their feelings be considered too, but I'm very concerned that this policy will only increase their fears in front of their front door.

Ms. Echart Cooper: Hi I'm Denise Echart Cooper and I'm a cat person, and I think dogs are a big hassle, 14 years ago when my son was born my dog loving husband said a boy needs a dog, and I said no. And I said no repeatedly, until my house was burgled, and the police officer that came to my home told me that the best thing to protect my home was a dog, and so I relented. Now I have a dog. I've had a dog for 10 years, and I've been a very responsible dog owner, and only off leash in the designated areas and it's a precious time for the dog and his boys. Frankly the thought of the very city that turned me into a dog person messing with the off leash health and recreation of my dog feels like a very personal betrayal. Thank you.

Mr. Costello: Hi my name is Aden Costello, thank you for hearing me. I just wanted to say I'm opposed to the policy, obviously most people are it seems, and one of the reasons outside of all the virtues of having dogs and such, that I'm opposed to the policy is the sense I get that this wasn't arrived at from a very inclusive democratic process, and if you got the sense that it was, I could take my lumps and say okay I'm in the minority, I got voted out or whatever, but that doesn't seem to be the process by which this whole policy has been arrived at and that seems to be some of the taint that is on this whole thing, is a level of suspicion as to how it came to by and why it just came to be in the last few years. You seem to have been doing well for so many years and all of a sudden this has become an issue. Please don't approve it. Thanks.

Mr. Draper: Hello, good evening. My name's James Draper. I'm a homeowner and a taxpayer in San Francisco. I live in the Richmond, and I just want to say I'm completely opposed to the policy and I support off leash Recreation.

Whidff: Hi, thank you. My name is Erin Whidff and I strongly oppose the policy proposed as it infringes upon what my dog loves to do best in the Park which is play fisbee. Dog pens will not allow him to enjoy that kind of play. And I urge you to visit Dolores Park to see that multiuse is possible and actually occurs on a regular basis. There are political rallies, sun bathers, children playing, dogs running, catching balls and frisbees, jugglers, tight rope walkers, all occurring at the same time with very little if any problems. The dog policy would separate and promote intolerance and miscommunication I think between all of these groups. It's important to keep people together. Thank you very much.

Ms. Kingery: My name is Joan Kingery, I'm a long time member of the Neighborhood Parks Council, NPC. I'm a park advocate in our over two hundred neighborhood parks in San Francisco. I am also a firm believer in a place for everything and everything in its place. And I think that's what this is an effort to try to do, which is to do a global picture of our parks and try to find places for everybody. We need to find more off leash spaces, but we also need to find and protect those areas that need protecting for children, for the families, for the native plants and so on. I urge you to please be firm, pass this policy and let us evolve. I think Rec and Park's doing a wonderful job of trying to have everyone meet the needs of all of the stakeholders in the city. We can't have just a few taking over. Thank you. Please pass this.

Mr. Connor: My name is Ed Connor, I'm a professor of biology at San Francisco State University, my training is in ecology. I visited (unintelligible) natural areas in San Francisco and have had students to research there. I serve surprisingly on the scientific advisory panel for the management plan for the natural areas program, yet I'm surprised to see that it's claimed that off leash dog walking is incompatible with conservation of plants and animals. In most instances it is not. I those instances where it is, human activity in those same areas is also inconsistent with conservation, so it may be more advantageous to fence off those sensitive habitats from both dogs and people if you're serious about trying conserve species in those areas.

Mr. Robinson: My name is Tom Robinson, I'm a 25 year resident of San Francisco, and homeowner. First of all I would like to thank this commission for spending al this time listening

to us, and I would like to state that this policy makes me very scared. I've seen a beginning of the doing of this plan at Pine Lake Park, I asked if anyone on the design team was a dog owner, nobody was. The other issue we keep talking about is natural planting. There is something that would be known as semi-natural planting as well. There's a big meadow area in Pine Lake, which is home to thousands and thousands of gophers, dogs and gophers have lived together forever, and the bird of prey population is finally coming back. In fact I've observed a family that has come back now for seven years in a row. And this would be in jeopardy if this new design plan for Pine Lake were implemented. Thank you very much.

Mr. Day: Good evening, my name is Wesley Day, and I live in Glen Park. I'm a homeowner, taxpayer and I'm a member of the Glen Park Dog Owner's Guild. I am opposed to this policy primarily because it was not drafted by dog groups, it was drafted by anti-dog groups. It's rather like having a playground policy created by anti-child groups. I feel that there could be a policy drafted that would be successful but there won't be success with this policy because we were excluded. SF dog, SPCA and animal control were not included in the planning sessions for this policy. I feel in particular with Parks like Glen Canyon Park, 75 acres, there is room for off leash use in concert with plants and nature. Thank you.

Mr.Walgren: My name is Chris Walgren. I'm with Dolores Park Dog. I'd like to say that I strongly oppose this policy. Obviously from today's outpouring we see that it's undemocratic, but more importantly it's wrong and it won't solve the problems it's trying to solve. We don't need dog pens, dog pens don't work, it's been well seen. We don't need to be treated as criminals either and rounded up and ticketed, this will just create more problems. We need to work as a community. Members of Dolores Park dogs are committed to our wonderful park, and we're committed to making the park experience better for everybody there. I strongly oppose this policy. Thank you.

Mr. Maxwell: Hello, my name is Craig Maxwell. I strongly oppose this policy. I'm a member of Dolores Park Dogs and of SF Dog. We offered effective feasible, cost efficient compromises and alternate solutions, but they were ignored, loudly. We pay taxes. We vote. We are by far the largest and most frequent users of San Francisco's Parks, yet after doing everything that we could to be heard by anybody who would listen, nobody did. Why our Park Department feels compelled to spend money we don't have on a solution that cannot be endorsed by anyone who would actually use it is beyond me. Whatever happened to the spirit of compromise. San Francisco is a city known for starting trends not following them, especially the bad ones. I think Park and Rec should be ashamed of themselves.

Ms. Kushner: My name is Pinkie Kushner. I must say I have friends on both sides of the argument. I'm speaking to you today to urge you to support the policy. I think it's a good beginning. San Francisco is a very precious resource for all. I raised two children here. The parks are very precious and we need to expand them. As really we grow into the next millennium we need to think that now we have one hundred and twenty thousand dogs, we may have one hundred and fifty, a hundred and eighty, in ten or twenty years. We need to expand our park system. We have an open space policy in place for acquisitions. All dog owners should urge Rec and Park to buy more open space with the open space acquisition. Further more, the Planning Department is undergoing a series of zoning changes that may restrict our open space further. Please call the Planning Department tell them to maintain open space in our southeast section.

Ms. Elliot: Hi, my name is Eleanor Elliot. I live in near Glen Park all that area over there, and I'd invite you to come to Glen Park now, because it looks very good. Last year around this time, they hired a bunch of goats to come into this area we're supposed to be conserving, and the goats just were let free in a bunch of areas and ate up all the grass and all the plants, and everything there. These were hired presumably by Park and Rec, and then after that happened, the children in the camp came in. The children in the camp are not restricted in any areas they go, they create new trails through the park all the time, and by the time the end of August comes the park looks like a disaster. And then the dog owners and the other people come back and get it back in order again, and now it's in order.

Mr. Pizzy: My name is Doug Pizzy, I'm a professional dog walker. I've been doing this for over seven years. I use mainly Bernal Hill and McLaren Park and occasionally Fort Funston. Places

where I can take the dogs on hikes. In seven years I've never seen any problems, physical confrontations with people or anything like that. I think the majority of the people that walk their dogs off leash are responsible and I think they do a pretty good job policing themselves and I don't think we need ACC or the Police Department to do this for us. I oppose this policy.

Ms. Jensen: My name is Ruth Jensen. I'm a taxpayer. I live in San Francisco. One thing that has not been brought up tonight, is that humans needs recreation. Humans need community when they go out with their dogs they walk, they get recreation, they get exercise. Do you know how many humans don't go for walks unless their dog says let's go, let's go. You gotta remember the humans need the recreation too. They won't get it if they're on leash pulling and tugging. I'm a professional dog walker. I love this line of work. I think this dog policy absolutely stinks. It won't work. It'll never work. There's too many people that oppose it.

Ms. Garn: My name's Catherine Garn, and I'm a homeowner in San Francisco. I oppose the policy that you've presented because I think it's a sledgehammer directed at the people who are responsible dog owners. What we need is to develop a policy of education so that the scofflaws who don't pick up after their dogs, who are so stupid that they let them interfere with child's play, help us educate those people not to behave that way anymore. Don't make me be restricted when I know my dog shouldn't be in a child's play area, when I know there's sensitive habitats that she shouldn't be in. I'd ask you to reconsider and go back to the neighborhoods and work with us to create a more sound policy.

Ms. Poreous: Hello my name is Rebecca Porteous, and I work for Rec and Park, I work for natural areas, I'm a gardener, I'm also a dog owner and I've been walking my dog in natural areas, well two of them now, 15 years. I strongly urge you to approve this policy. As I understand it each Park is going to be looked at on a case-by-case basis, and there will be dog walking off leash in many natural areas. I trust that because I expect to walk my dog off leash in not so sensitive parts of the natural areas. Thank you.

Mr. Paul: My name is Brad Paul, and since moving three blocks closer to Dolores Park, I now take my dog to the Park not three times a week but twice a day. In the morning between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.. and at night between 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m., and with very rare exception when I'm there, the only people there are people with dogs. Now that's not to say there aren't problems. On Saturday or Sunday's when I go by myself, around two p.m. on a warm afternoon, I've twice been knocked over by dogs chasing Frisbees, but between five a.m. and nine a.m. and six and one in the morning, that's never a problem. So the solution to me seems the time separation. I've discussed this with hundreds of people. Dog owners and people like me who have been knocked over by dogs, and they say this is the solution to the problem. Tonight for the first time we heard the problem is enforcement, but think about that. Enforcing this rule whenever it's adopted is going to be difficult, but if you can focus that enforcement on a set period of time where you don't allow dogs at all or in limited areas from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., it means you don't have to have enforcement there most of the time. It really makes the most sense, and I would suggest that as an interim step while you sort out the more difficult questions before you. Thank you.

Mr. Ridley: My name is Allan Ridley, and I've been a field biology teacher here in San Francisco for the past thirty years, using the parks and natural areas as my outdoor classroom, and I've observed the disappearance of wildlife, such as brush rabbits, California quail, lizards and snakes from these natural areas. Dogs are natural hunters, and I don't think the dog owners realize the cumulative impact of their animals. Well I think we're realizing their cumulative impact tonight. Many quiet citizens, especially older people, are intimidated by free-range dogs, and avoid the parks where dogs run free. Strybing Arboretum is a refuge for such people and an example of how parks might be used if dogs were controlled. I hope you hear what most of the people who are not here tonight are saying. Thank you very much.

Ms. Dawson: Good evening, my name is Amy Dawson. I've lived in the city for 25 years. I'm an employee of the Recreation and Park Department for 20, and Director of the Randall Museum. I want to applaud the Department for tackling this heavy issue, a lot of people have worked hard on it, and I really want to support it. Sure there are problems with it, but it's a work in progress and I think we need to improve it and get on with the business of keeping our dog

runs better maintained, making more so that the impact on the existing ones is less and that they are more dog friendly. A lot of people have said that there isn't a problem, don't fix it if it isn't broken. But there is a problem when people stay away from our parks. I personally think that there are less dog bites is because people don't go to the parks because they're afraid of the dogs. I've seen that on our own park. It used to be covered with people doing other activities, sun bathing, etc., they don't do that anymore. The drought came in between, but after the drought ended people never came back because of dogs. Thank you very much.

Mr. Campbell: Good evening. My name is Christopher Campbell. I'm a gardener with the natural areas program of the Rec and Park Department, and I support this policy. I feel that it's a responsible and balanced approach by the Rec and Park Department. I feel that so in focusing on the diversity that we have in the city of dog owners and other park users, and in addition I think as Ruth Grovinis had mentioned that it's a larger scope dealing with the loss of habitat and biological diversity and I think it's a great approach that the City has taken in approaching that.

Ms. Wu: I'm Karen Wu. I oppose the dog policy. I'm going to speak as a city college instructor in the women's studies department and address gender equity. I want to talk about adult women that comprise forty five percent of the San Francisco population. Off leash Recreation is one of the few outdoor activities in which women are the majority. An important study of urban outdoor recreation indicated that most women don't come to the park unless they bring children. The reasons cited were lack of time, the cost, lack of companionship and fear of crime. Off leash recreation over comes these barriers by providing an incentive for women to put aside time for low cost exercise in the parks. In addition a dog is an eager companion and provides a sense of safety. Women come to the park, they come there, to enjoy the off leash recreation. Commissioners please visit Stern Grove and see the scores of women enjoying the company of off leash dogs and other visitors. A walk in the western end of Golden Gate Park and see women enjoy off leash recreation.

Mr. Biderman: Hi, I'm Barry Biderman. I'm a senior personnel analyst with the city and I certainly appreciate the difficult and complex situation that **Elizabeth Goldstein** has to deal with and I'm glad I don't work with the Department and have to work on that problem. I also appreciate the recreation and Parks department and all its wonderful resources. I take my dog to the park everyday, mostly Dolores Park where I take hundreds of pictures and I print them all at the photography center, one of the institutions of the Recreation and Parks Department. Here's Phoebe, you see people wearing cards. These are my pictures, thank you Craig for scanning them and printing them out on your computer. It's a real problem, Dolores Park has never been safer, I've been going to Dolores Park since the seventies. It's never been a more wonderful, multiuse park, especially for women. It's never been a safer place and the community of people I'd think I'd see a problem there if I'm there every evening and on the weekends...

Commissioner Murray: Sir, I'm going to have to ask you to stop, we have a little timing problem here, you've used up your time but the system is off...

Barry Biderman: I just wanted to say one thing on the, when I read the dog policy it's really unclear there's nothing in there that says what is going to happen to Dolores Park except the threat of tickets and a small dog area near the tennis court, and I think that should be clear in any policy what's gonna really happen in the parks.

Commissioner Murray: I had announced at the beginning of this meeting that we were going to take a break at some point in the evening. We've now hit the three-hour mark on basically public comment, and so we're going to take a ten-minute break. It's 9:30 exactly by my watch, we will be back at 9:40. Oh and the gentleman who is standing, why don't you come on, we'll take... you're standing go ahead... I apologize, I didn't mean to leave you in the aisle there.

Mr. Hatfield: Good evening, my name is David Hatfield. I'm with Friends of Recreation and Parks. At last count we had lost six members who felt we were in support of the dog policy, and five who cancelled the membership because they thought we were against it. So this issue is killing our organization. But Friends has not taken an official position on this issue we wanted to let the public have their complete input. We'd like to say that we really appreciate and support

evenings just like this where people get an opportunity to have their say and regardless of your decision tonight, friends would just like to say that we hope that the public input will be included as move forward throughout the process. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. We will be back and recommence at 9:40 with public comment. Thank you very much.

9:40 p.m.

Commissioner Murray: Little exercise... okay so we can abandon the stack of cards...

Thanks to everyone for accommodating, I appreciate it, but we've got far more cards than we have people who want to speak, so let's make this work. So to my left are people who are speaking, to my right are people who are not. Speaking, not speaking. And I'm not going to call any more names, just when you come to the podium introduce yourself and go ahead and speak. That way we should be able to move right along. Please start...

Ms. Mc Carthy: Good Evening, Susan Mc Carthy, long time dog owner, long time birder, I live with my family in the Ingleside District on a street that is sometimes too exciting. My two middle aged, licensed dogs, keep me and my kids safe. They don't do this by biting people. They do it by letting us know if there's someone at the front door, the back door or maybe hopped over the fence in the back yard. Right now we exercise these dogs at Fort Funston, where we pick up after them. But we're being driven away from there. So we're going to have to try city parks. And the prospect of taking my dogs and my children to what sound like scary boxes, crowded with dogs, is not appealing. I'm going to have to fight to have my dogs have a place to run for as long as they're alive, but when they die I'm afraid that in good conscience I won't be able to get other dogs if that's the only option for them. That would leave my family lonelier and less safe. So I think this policy is very flawed.

Dr. Bodenheimer: My name is Thomas Bodenheimer. I am a private physician in San Francisco. I moved to near McLaren Park about fifteen years ago. At that time there were drug dealers in the park and the park was not a place one could go. Since then the flowers are more beautiful than ever in McLaren Park, there are more dogs than ever in McLaren Park, and very importantly there are more elderly people exercising in McLaren Park who are non-dog owners than ever before. If you approve this policy, which I greatly oppose, I will not be walking in McLaren Park anymore, the elderly people won't be exercising anymore, the drug dealers will be back.

Commissioner Murray: Before the next speaker, I've just been advised I can't change the timing after the meeting's started, so I apologize for that. We're going to stick to our one-minute and try to just go ahead and get through. Go ahead and start please.

Greg Gaar: Good evening, my name's Greg Gaar. I served four years on the Park and Open Space Advisory Committee. Right now every park in San Francisco is an ad hoc off leash dog park. Why? Because there is no enforcement. There are rules on the books right now, that parks that not off leash dog Parks, the dog owners are required to have leashes on their dogs. Also dog owners are required to pick up the dog feces. In many cases that does not occur. I've been the site steward up on tank hill for twenty five years and probably sixty percent of the dog owners who go up there do clean up after their dogs, but the other 40 percent has to be picked up by volunteers like myself and a couple of other neighborhood people who do not own dogs. There are over a hundred thousand dogs in San Francisco. We need to have some rules, just simple rules, this policy is a step in the right direction. Thank you.

Mr.Wadell: Hi, I'm Michael Wadell and I oppose this policy. I've been a resident of District Five near Alamo Square Park for 10 years, and a dog owner for five. I am a daily visitor to Alamo Square Park. When I first moved to San Francisco on the other side of Alamo Square Park, it was not the safest park to be in, in the evening and after dark. In the past few years since I've started taking my dog to the park, dog usage has increased, and the park even at night for even people, especially in the wintertime when it's dark early, it's much safer. There are a lot

more people in the park in general and the presence of dog owners and their dogs have increased the feeling of safety. I believe in personal responsibility. I have trained my dog to be both under voice command, to walk on leash and I pick up after my dog. I also volunteer on a regular basis to pick up after the minority people who do not pick up after their dogs. Thank you.

Ms. Hancock: Good evening. My name is Valerie Hancock and I oppose the dog pen policy. I have direct experience with dogs being ejected from a Park and that's Gratten Park, I live just two blocks away. And three years ago we were suddenly booted out of the park, undemocratically and unilaterally. What was once a community-gathering place for many neighbors is now an empty field, I'd say, seventy five percent of the time. It's some sort of agreement worked out with Park and Rec soccer team company rents it, and these kids come in and they have exclusive use of it, and the rest of us, the gate's locked on the outside, you can't even go in there unless you go all the way around through this little pee wee play area with the sand and all. This would be a perfect solution to have the set times, to stay away on the weekends when they're playing the soccer games, or when they're practicing, but the rest of the time when the field is empty, people should be able to come in, including people with their dogs. Thank you... I'm sorry, this is separate. I've been asked to distribute this sort of a study that's been done by a SF dog, it's managing off leash Recreation...

Mr. Mc Manus: Hello, my name's Tom Mc Manus. I'm a homeowner and taxpayer in San Francisco, and I vote. I just wanted to say that the dog pens that I've seen can get to be filthy and kind of disgusting, so they are just not a very nice solution for the dog owners. I feel that the people who are most in favor of fencing the dogs off actually constitute the special needs group here. They're the special interest group. Why don't we fence off the areas that they don't, why don't we fence them into areas that they want, that's what I feel would be more appropriate. I feel like they represent more of a minority than the people that are willing to tolerate dogs off leash in the parks. Thank you.

Ms.Poch: Hello, my name is Lori Poch. I grew up in San Francisco. My father was Superintendent of Parks in the mid-seventies. My family has always walked their dogs off leash. I've talked to my dad about this issue and I can tell you that he believes this policy is a foolish waste of time and energy. He says that in his experience whenever there was an attempt to enforce this policy in the past it was quickly abandoned. Don't waste our time and money. Thank you.

Ms. Schoenwald: Hi, my name is Phyllis Schoenwald, I'm a parent, a homeowner, a taxpayer, health care provider, and I live in Bernal Heights. I want to echo the issues of safety that have been said earlier today. People walking dogs make the parks safer for everybody. I've only had a dog three years, and previous to that I was able walk in areas that I might not have been able to as a woman alone trying to do aerobic walking or jogging, had it not been for people who had dogs. Please use the resources and the money for more trashcans, maintenance of the Parks as they are now. Let's support animal care and control to patrol and assist stray dogs and help with aggressive dogs. Don't build fences. Let's develop policies that effect the 10 percent who are not responsible. Do not punish the 90 percent of us who are. Who are picking up after our dogs and everybody else and making it safer. Let's take some of this energy and put it into our schools and summer programs. Thank you.

Mr. Clark: Hi, my name is Josiah Clark. I grew up in San Francisco for all of my 27 years. I have been a dog owner my whole life. I've also worked in the Presidio and the Public Parks System. I wanted to say first that I've noticed also the wildlife within my short life in the City. And I've certainly seen the multiplicity of impacts regarding some of the issues about the parks seem more safer, I would say that a lot of that might come to the fact that of the communities in which some of the problems might be happening, the people who are most scared of dogs, might be you who have never had dogs, people of lower classes, on that level I would go to saying that currently it might be that dog owners use the parks the most, I would say that that should not mean that they have the most rights. Currently dogs have rights that humans don't even have. Including defecating in the park, hunting wildlife, whether its rare wildlife or endangered plants. So I would strongly support the dog policy.

Ms. Sire: Good evening, my name is Sarah Sire. I am a voter, a homeowner, health practitioner,

mother of two children, Sierra Club member, and a National Parks supporter. I strongly oppose the current draft of the dog policy, and I appreciate your taking time to listen to us, and I would certainly like to understand what the democratic process is from here out. I oppose the appearance anyway of the lack of democratic process to date, and I would like to address the Sierra Club points about the threat to public safety posed by animals, many, many people have testified that the parks are in fact safer since there are more dog walkers. And I would like to affirm the sense of community that comes from our park, McLaren Park, when there are dog walkers, elderly tai chi exercisers, and other people enjoying the morning. I would hope that that sense of community continues.

Ms. Swan: My name is Suzanne Swan. I have lived in San Francisco for almost 30 years, I owned a home for 20. I have a dog. I am a grandmother. I care about our children and I care about our parks. I'm very opposed to this. The dangers that I have felt when I have had my dog out, have been when I've tried to take them and my grandchildren into the enclosed spaces. It's dangerous and it's dirty. That's the only time my dog was attacked. I support the idea of enforcing current laws, which would need to be enforced anyway if you have these enclosed areas you're going to have to have somebody who is still looking out. Why not make sure that our dogs are licensed, and that people are keeping up with that, that's what we had to do in New York. I was surprised to find that so few dogs are licensed here. But I think that we need to have the open area.

Mr. Swan: My name's Richard Swan. I oppose the dog policy. I think there's been a lot of very strong arguments about the benefits of dogs, their companionship, the society that they offer, the safety of the parks and a lot of other good arguments. But the thing that I really have a hard problem with is you don't need to be a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows here, now we got a stack of cards there of people that want to speak and they check whether they're opposed or in favor... that said, if you put them in stacks, it'd be the same results as I've seen in countless of these meetings that I've attended, cause it's about one for the policy, six against. You just need to do the numbers. Look at the people that are showing up here. They're your solid citizens, your homeowners, your business operators and all the rest, but you know what more they're about eighty five percent of the people who show up to these things are opposed to this policy, and I really have a problem when I attend the various parks and see the number of dogs there, the number of cars parked at Fort Funston for instance the number who had dogs...

Mr. McCray: Hi my name's Cary Mc Cray and I'm a recent dog owner. I'd like to say first that I like old people, I like young people. I like children. I like plants. I like other animals. I think you're looking largely at the wrong end of the leash. It is the dog owner's responsibility, we do license our dog, there is a filing for our dogs. If there are fines that levy against our dogs, make them hard, make them consistent, make the owner go to school, take time out of their work, you'll get the effect that you want. Someone made a comment about the park up by Diamond Heights, I believe it was a gardener, about the police academy running around the park there and having to move around dogs, these gentlemen are going to policemen, they'll be running around a lot of other obstacles, not just dogs. To address the fellow who said that the sounds coming from behind him while he was speaking were just a show of the fact that his members or the opponents were not here, I believe if they truly opposed they would be here. Thank you.

Ms. Mc Kay: Good evening, my name is Linda Mc Kay, and I'm going to make my last point first so I can be sure to get it in. I think the RPD dog policy is flawed because it starts with the assumption that there's a problem of huge proportions in San Francisco, and I don't believe that there's any objective data to back this up. In 1997 the San Francisco Partnerships for Parks interviewed people at Golden Gate Park, over three hundred people, sixty one percent of them said they did not feel safe in the park at all times. They named homelessness, lack of lighting, drugs, criminal activity, unruly children, not one of them named a dog as a reason for feeling unsafe. Then when asked what improvements they would make in the Park to visit more often, most of them asked for better maintenance, landscaping, one percent even asked to get rid of the feral cats and duck feeding. No one again mentioned dogs. In 1998, RPD did a survey and in their own words they were impressed and almost overwhelmed by the response of the dog owners. When the strategic plan was published based on the survey there was no mention of us as a recreational user in the park. We were completely whitewashed out. My summation, please do this over and do it right. Thank you.

Mr. Sun: Hello my name is Andrew Sun and I'm here representing my daughter who is 10 years old, who insisted that I come tonight to talk about her favorite responsibility, which is taking her dog to Mountain Lake Park, and making certain that she throws the ball and have him run off leash. She spent four years haranguing us to try to get a dog for her in the city, last year we did. She has become one of the most responsible 10 year olds. She and her dog go to little league baseball games where you see kids playing in the fields, dogs running around outside and there's absolutely no problem. We oppose this policy. We think San Francisco is for all folks. We think kids and dogs and families ought to have an opportunity to enjoy the richness that we have in our community. Thank you.

Mr. Weber: I'm Jim Weber. Dog owner, property owner, and San Francisco resident for 25 years. I oppose the dog policy. San Francisco has always been in the forefront of social change, the composition of the urban family is changing, dogs are now family. The number of family dogs has dramatically increased. This is a fact. Consider this strong opposition to the policy tonight, and have the courage to Recognize and adapt to social change. If free range is good enough for chickens, it should be good enough for dogs. Thank you.

Ms. Vittori: My name is Lisa Vittori. I am a dog person, unfortunately this policy is flawed, I oppose it completely. I wanted to say that it's flawed on several levels. One is that we are legitimate park users and we are primary park users. The second thing is that the animal welfare movement and the environmental movement come from the same ethical framework, this policy does not recognize that. The reason why there are more dogs in San Francisco is because we have had an active movement to prevent euthanasia. Contrary to some people in here, I actually adopted two dogs recently, four years ago, who are deaf, blind, old, a hundred pounds, and who would have been euthanized if it were not for my taking them in, which is one of the reasons why we have so many healthy, happy dogs. I'm going to give you some new words, integration, collaboration, leash option, de facto dog areas. This does not increase dog areas, it decreases them. Thank you.

Ms. Pinter: Thank you, my name is Margaret Pinter. I'm against the proposed policy. I wanted to let you know, I was in the overflowing overflow room earlier tonight. I wasn't planning on speaking, but I came up because I wanted to make sure you realize that many of the people filled out speaker cards to register their opinion about the policy, not necessarily to speak, so I'd like to make sure that you review those cards and note what was registered on them. I support more work on this policy. I think it needs more work. You said we've had at least three hours now with public comment, I think that's because so many of us feel that during the whole process as occurred now, we still haven't been heard. We say it, we say it, we say it, and we're saying it again. Thank you.

Ms. Stafford: Hi, my name is Nancy Stafford, and I'm a professional dog walker. My clients and their owners are opposed to this policy. This policy will create behavioral problems with dogs and dogs cannot be properly socialized and educated in a dog play area. It's just not going to work. Families with children, young children, are not going to feel safe in a dog play area with so many dogs running around, there will be territorial issues over the ball, these areas aren't big enough to support with the number of dogs we have in the city. As far as safety goes, the number of dog bites as everyone knows is down in the city, and this is because dogs are so well socialized in the parks, they're exposed to so many different types of experiences. They see bicyclists and joggers, and eventually they become good citizens, and that's education is very important for both sides of this issue. I do feel that families with children need to be educated as well as dog owners. Thank you.

Ms. Smyths: I'm Marsha Smyths, I'm a 37-year resident of San Francisco, homeowner, tax payer, seventeen year old dog owner, and user of Corona Heights Park. I was a part of the neighborhood before, during and after the establishment of what I call the cage. Prior to the establishment of an enclosed dog run area we had the entire hillside, sixteen point seven acres, which we were able to use, dogs were spread out. The only people who took their dogs to the parks were those who were under voice control because if they didn't the dogs ran away. I was one of those stakeholders, as they call us kindly, those who have some say into the input. We weren't asked if we wanted a cage. We were told we would have one. Thank you very much.

Ms. Patterson: Hi. My name is Andrea Patterson, and I'm an over 20 year resident of San Francisco, however, I've just come back from working for eight months in Southern California where fences like the Park and Rec Department are Recommending are the only option. They are overcrowded. They are unsafe, and unsanitary, and there are many dogfights. The effects of the lack of opportunity to socialize and inadequate exercise are very obvious on the dogs in Southern California. The number of aggressive dogs is overwhelming. On several occasions my dogs were attacked on the street, in the suburbs, walking down the sidewalk on leashes by dogs that ran out of yards and houses. I couldn't wait to get my dogs back to San Francisco safely, and now this. I just want to say the dog scene in the dog community is beautiful, we don't deserve these fences. I strongly oppose your policy.

Marla: Hi, my name is Marla and first of all I'd like to say that my grandson who is eight spent a couple of hours writing a letter saying how his biggest joy in life is to go out and play in the wooded areas with his dog. I see that letter is not among the collection of things that are shown. I spent a couple hours writing a letter saying how I get my exercise and my enjoyment, my meditation by walking a couple of miles a day with my dog, my letter is not there and my housemates letter is not there, so I don't know why they're not in the collection books down there. Lastly on behalf of the dogs that give so much to us, I think that the least that they can have is a chance to really enjoy life a little bit, they bring so much to all of us. Thank you.

Mr. Barnes: Good evening. I'm Bill Barnes, and I'm here just as a resident of the Haight who actually plays basketball in Duboce Park and I agree with one of the earlier speakers that I think a lot of our parks work pretty well. In Duboce Park there are sort of areas where kids play, and areas where people play basketball, and areas where folks have their dogs, and it all kind of works out. I wanted to say two things, one was that I think the lack of data that the department faces puts all the commissioners in a really tough spot, and I think that the commissioners all care deeply about this issue, but we sort of don't have good data on who uses parks and when. Hopefully we can fix that in the future. The second is that we have this capital plan and strategic plan and all of this, and I just hope that we don't, whatever the policy is, take money away from things that are really needed when we have really limited money to build other things whether those are dog pens or what have you. It needs to be part of a larger process as in Prop C. I'd finally say that I think people feel really passionately about it, I don't know, I heard a lot of compelling things on both sides, but I want folks to know I think the commissioners are going to do a good job no matter what the outcome is. Thanks.

Ms. Cardinal: My name is Marianne Cardinal, I've lived in San Francisco since 1948, and I've been walking a dog in various places for 30 years. I'm a responsible dog owner. I put my dog in the car, we go to a park, and he takes me for a walk, and we have a marvelous time. I love flowers, plants, birds. I'm a member of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, Friends and Rec, SPCA, and I reject this policy and I want to be able to walk my dog off leash. Thank you.

Ms. Wilkinson: Oh my god. My name is Betty Wilkinson, and I was at the meeting January last year, when there were nine of the eleven supervisors and also representatives of Jackie Speier, Kevin Shelley and other elected officials who were there, all promising to help us find more areas for off leash recreation for us and our dogs. This is not what has been happening. Those promises have been broken, and you're going to see more anger and more anger as time goes on because this is not going to do it, it won't work, and it's just another example of promises broken. Thank you.

Ms. Johnson: Thank you very much. My name is Helen Johnson. I'm a parent, I'm a 23 year resident and voter in San Francisco, and I'm asking the Commission to go ahead and ratify this dog policy. There has been no shortage of input. This has been over a three-year process, with unfortunately the loudest voices heard by dog owners. I am here I felt alone, but I feel it's really important for you to understand too that my friends are at home with their children, and they would very much like to be here, but their responsibility is to the raising and caring for their children. I'm asking you to please don't forget the children in this dog policy. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you very much. Public comment is now closed. What I'd like to do is open it to our commissioners to ask questions of staff. I have a couple of questions that I've

collected over the evening. Commissioners any questions? No, okay. I do have a couple questions if I could ask our general manager to help us out. There was testimony about accessibility for handicapped persons and I don't Recall seeing that addressed at all in the policy, and I was just wondering if there was any consideration there.

Elizabeth Goldstein: The Department is required as part of all projects that we undertake over $90,000 to ensure that handicap accessibility is accommodated, and any off leash use of any kind would have to take that into consideration. I will also tell you that we have had concerns raised by the disabled community about the off leash policy in the other direction from some of the comments that you've heard tonight, that people had expressed concern because off leash dogs have sometimes interfered with service dogs. I just want you to know that those comments have come to me and that any off leash areas that we would have would seek to create disabled access as part of them. I think part of the issue which was raised tonight, which is the tougher issue, is not accessibility in terms of physical accessibility, but accessibility in the sense of closeness. The ability to actually reach these off leash areas, and I think that that is a difficult issue grappling with where in communities these exist and how accessible they are to the people that need them is a legitimate concern and one that the department takes seriously. The only way we can really work that through is by getting at the specific parks which I think can only follow after some framework whatever that framework the Commission should decide to set in place.

Commissioner Murray: In addition I know we have a proposed change to the SNRA language that's in addition to the draft that's been handed out, I just want to make sure I'm clear, you would like to see that included in what we're voting on. Do you want to have any further discussion for the benefit of the commission as to precisely what that means, and you addressed it in your initial presentation (unintelligible).

Elizabeth Goldstein: I'd be delighted to answer any questions that you have, but it is our intention that the changes that we alluded to, that I alluded to earlier, be incorporated into the draft, and the reason that we feel strongly about that is because we think many of the comments and concerns that were raised tonight for instance about Bernal Hill, in fact are dealt with by these changes to the policy. It is not our intention to restrict the vast majority of Bernal Hill, and in fact we think that off leash dog use could be a significant ongoing activity there. So we wanted to make sure that the public understood that that is our intention and this language we think clarifies the draft language that you found in the draft that we distributed earlier, to make it absolutely clear that that's the Department's intent.

Commissioner Murray: Okay. I'm also interested... I think there's some interest and perhaps we'll have a discussion about the golden bone component that was in here and it's been removed, what it would take to re-include that and what are some of the issues around that and if you could just walk us through why it was excluded.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I will attempt to summarize and if any of my staff want to help me out here feel free to jump in. I'll try to summarize the concerns that were expressed to us on both sides about this program. My understanding is that the off leash community was troubled by this proposal because they felt that it created a double standard for dogs and that there would be issues of accessibility to the gold bone program because it would require training and certification for dogs. Essentially the gold bone program, just in case you don't remember this piece from previous drafts, was an attempt to create a voice control, a sort of special dispensation for dogs that were certified as having high levels of responsiveness to their owners through voice. The idea here was to really say, when a dog is truly under voice control it is as good as on a leash, and so we felt strongly in our initial when the Department first drafted this, that it was worth experimenting with the ability to give dogs special privileges essentially for being that responsive to their owners and the gardens.

So as I understand it from the off leash advocacy community there were issues about the accessibility of the program. We did have discussions with them and with some of our nonprofit partners about providing training of this kind either for free or as a scholarship program for those who couldn't access the program for financial reasons. So we had begun to grapple with some solutions to this, but my understanding was that the concerns in the off leash community were overwhelming, and I must be clear with whoever the speaker was, we do not claim this program,

it actually came to us as an idea from one of the members of the advocacy community at Dolores Park. So I want to give credit where credit is due in that regard.

On the other side I think there was an enormous amount of skepticism amongst those who are concerned about clear instruction and clear areas in parks where you can have an expectation that dogs are going to be on leash or dogs are going to be off leash. We did try to grapple with solutions potentially to those issues by working with Carl Friedman, at Animal Care and Control, and others about the possibility of creating some kind of visual signal to anyone that a dog indeed had cleared this training and was certified as voice controlled through the designation of a collar or a license tag or something that would have indicated that these dogs in fact had come through the certification program.

On balance we heard more criticism that we heard enthusiasm and we eliminated the program because we didn't think there was enough critical interest in trying to make these things work.

Commissioner Murray: Okay. We have questions it looks like **Commissioner Bonill**a and **Commissioner Chin**, in either order...

Commissioner Chin: Thank you Mr. President. Elizabeth I have a few questions just for clarification in reference to the policy implementation. Who has the final say in determining whether a new DPA will be added? Does the Advisory Committee as you proposed have the final say?

Elizabeth Goldstein: The Commission has the final say for any changes in use in parks. I guess we conceptualized that new proposed areas would come in several ways. One is independent proposals that came forward to the advisory committee and also proposals that would develop as part of capital projects that were ongoing, and I must clarify something important that was mentioned earlier in this regard. The Stern Grove Pine Lake proposal, which does in fact create legitimate off leash dog use in the meadow, which is where most people are actually taking advantage of off leash activity, is in fact a Recreation and Park Department proposal. The consultant who was working for us is a DPEE employee, she is however, working for the Department and the proposals that the community by and large accepted and was interested in, in terms of the conceptual plan are actually consistent with the dog policy that we are bringing before you this evening. I just wanted to clarify that point as well, but the commission ultimately would choose.

Commissioner Chin: So theoretically I just need to understand this, and see how it might play out, but theoretically while you would obviously hope that there would be significant consensus coming from a neighborhood before a proposal is put forward, theoretically part of a neighborhood could submit an application for a dog play area and then it would go through the process, staff...

Elizabeth Goldstein: That's correct.

Commissioner Chin: ...the Advisory Committee, and there indeed would be ultimately the Commission could be involved in every single application for a new dog play area.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Yes is the short answer to your question. The long answer to your question is that the advisory committee is intended to be a balanced body, if the language is not clear enough that both sides were intended to be represented then that is something we need to fix in this language because that was not the department's intention. The Department's intention was create a balanced committee. The idea being that hopefully at that level conflicts could be resolved, creative solutions applied and the projects that would come forward to you would in fact be consensus projects. That is the idea. We do have advisory committees despite some of the testimony that you have heard tonight that have opposing sides, the Marina Advisory Committee is the obvious example of a committee that indeed has representatives from many different points of view and attempts to come to some compromise in advance of the commissions action. So I just wanted you to know that that is the case.

Commissioner Chin: Okay, I am concerned about the magnitude of what the management and time requirements that might be required theoretically if there was contention in every single neighborhood. Let me skip around here. Theoretically while all the proposed size, minimum size for the three categories of DPA's is spelled out in the policy, there's no maximum size.

Elizabeth Goldstein: That is correct.

Commissioner Chin: So theoretically say for Golden Gate Park, for the larger parks, there is no limitation on the number or size of potential dog play areas in Golden Gate Park.

Elizabeth Goldstein: That's correct.

Commissioner Chin: And finally, if a neighborhood, a particular neighborhood put forth a proposal for a new dog play area, they are constrained by the criteria laid out here in terms of a proposed size, location, etc., etc., they would not currently under the way this is drafted, not have the flexibility of proposing timed use in their particular park.

Elizabeth Goldstein: That is on the basis of the way the policy is currently drafted, that is correct.

Commissioner Chin: Thank you Mr. President, those are the only questions I have at this time.

Commissioner Bonilla: I have several questions that I'd like to ask if I could ask them all in a series I would appreciate that or if I have to relinquish the mic and allow my fellow commissioners to speak I will. My first question relates to the representation on the advisory committee. If we approve this policy, this evening, will there be an opportunity for dog owners who are not particularly appreciative of this policy we are putting forth, would there be an opportunity for some broader representation by some of these individuals and if so, what do we envision that process would consist of to further expand the advisory committee and make it provide broader representation and to allay the fears of some of the dog owners here this evening that their views are not being represented. That's my first question.

Elizabeth Goldstein: We actually started with a committee that was smaller and have actually expanded this based on some of the comments that we received just in that regard. The intention is that those who would be represented on this committee would represent the many sides of these issues. It is not our intention to find those who will tow the line of the department policy. It is the intention that those who are different mind could come together and hopefully work in a relatively small committee setting to try and resolve issues together, that is the intention of the advisory committee, whether it should be seven people or nine people as the policy currently provides, or whether it should be eleven, I'm certainly open to that. I will tell you that we have had concerns because we're proposing an advisory committee that would be subject to the open meeting and public meeting laws, we do want to make sure that the committee is a workable committee, and that we don't end up with quorum problems which we have with some of our other committees. So urge you to think smaller just for that reason, but certainly if you wish to make modifications here to set the balance at a different level, I mean the size at a different level, we certainly would have no objections to that.

Commissioner Bonilla: And I actually would encourage us to look at making the committee a little bit broader and at least giving it one more try in terms of making sure that all the opinions are being heard. The second question that I have also relates to the advisory committee and pretty much the chain of command or the communication flow and when I read on section 6.4 on the complaints, it's a little bit unclear to me if we have a top down process as opposed to a from the bottom up process as far as hearing the complaints. And then it's unclear to me who within the 60-day time frame will be responsible for resolving any complaints that come in through the department. Could you give a little bit more information or more clarity on that process?

Elizabeth Goldstein: Sure. The idea here was that we wanted to end up with a policy and an advisory committee that wasn't forced to listen always to the squeaky wheel, cause we know in

San Francisco that sometimes somebody who just calls the most gets the most attention, so what we were trying to do was to establish the most objective process possible for a evaluating whether or not the off leash areas were effectively being used. So in a number of the criteria and in a number of the descriptions that we have here in this document related to the advisory committee we have attempted to make sure that we're doing surveys as some of the community members have indicated, that we're actually having inspections done, and that's all kind of laid out carefully. The particular thing that you're describing is the system for complaints. We assume that what will happen is the complaints most often as they do now, will come to the department rather than directly to the advisory committee. But they could go directly to the advisory committee, but we were just assuming that the existing situation which is the complaints and incident reports come to the Department that we would therefore be responsible for making sure that the advisory committee was appraised of those things and most often obviously the Department would be responsible for correcting those issues if they are correctable. For instance if there's barking dog issues or issues raised by off leash dog users that the surface is not being well maintained or some of those things are going to be things that the department will take care of directly. There are going to be others which are going to rise to the level of being evidenced in the evaluation that happens on an annual or biannual basis, for those particular areas.

Commissioner Bonilla: Because it did seem to me that it goes back and forth, that if the complaint first comes to the Department and then it goes down and then the advisory committee comes back up again with some recommendations and then things don't get resolved and everybody comes together. So it just seemed a little bit too bureaucratic to be...

Elizabeth Goldstein: Okay we'd be delighted for any comments you want to make to make it clearer.

Commissioner Bonilla: So it seemed to me that if maybe we really decided clearly, maybe did a flow chart on how this should happen so that everybody is clear on how this is resolved. I think that that would strengthen the policy a little bit more along those lines.

Elizabeth Goldstein: We'd be delighted to incorporate changes to that effect.

Commissioner Bonilla: The other question I had, I've heard most of the evening that we are, that responsible dog owners are being penalized by this policy and they're being penalized because there are a considerable number of non-responsible dog owners that are giving responsible dog owners a bad name so to speak, and so my question is have we, cause I really I really know that, I mean my thinking is that if we get into this whole business of trying to police, trying to impose fines and what have you, I think it's more of a reactionary policy, but have we given any consideration to perhaps having non-responsive dog owners go through some kind of sensitivity training, special training program or what have you, and give them an opportunity to modify their behavior or whatever somewhat so that there's an opportunity to down the road alleviate the need for having to have such stringent leash policies, and hopefully one day we would be able to say that we are winning the war in terms of educating the non-responsible dog owners to really get with the program and to really make it a lot easier for dog owners and for everybody else to use our parks.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I think I want to answer your question in two different ways, or from two different aspects. One is that we assume that the advisory committee would actually be engaged with the department to actually define some of the things that you've just described. We don't currently have an education system but criticisms from the public in that regard is absolutely the case. We agree, the department agrees, that one of the issues here is how we do better education. The problem is, that we're confronting now, is that one of the things that we heard over and over and over again in the comments that we got, was just enforce the laws as they are. We heard it over and over again. It was probably the most common comment that we got. The problem with that is that there are many dog, off leash dog advocates and many off leash dog guardians, who are indeed violating the rules and the laws as they currently exist. The purpose of establishing a policy was to try and create enough areas as quickly as we can, and I understand the concerns about abrupt policy here, and I'm not sure we'd call this process abrupt, but at any rate, I think it's fair to say that the intention here is to move us all to a place where when we are indeed

enforcing the laws that exist currently, that there is an outlet of some kind here. I just want to go back to something that I said in the beginning because we do have places where all of the descriptions that people made about wanting off leash dog places where dogs could run and romp, where there weren't fences is everything that we're proposing for any park over 10 acres. And I understand that many of the neighborhood parks, I think about 50 in fact, not 195, but 50 are below the threshold for 10 acres, and that is definitely a problem. I don't think this policy entirely, successfully addresses that, but I think that we in fact have successfully attempted to address the ten acres and above, based on models that are working here in San Francisco. The problem is that some of the off leash areas that people were referring to are actually not authorized off leash areas. So the question is what do we do about that? This is a way to bring some of those off leash areas into compliance with a policy that would be established so that they could continue to be used in an authorized way, so we did being to enforce the rules, and ask people to obey the law, that they would be fine where they are right now.

Commissioner Bonilla: Okay and one last question and I'll make it short. I've noticed that for dog walkers, you're saying the maximum number of dogs they can walk are six. How did you arrive at that number? It seems, six dogs seems a little unwieldy to me.

Elizabeth Goldstein: That was actually a number that was brought to us by the professional dog walkers association, and is consistent as I understand it with other city regulations.

Commissioner Bonilla: Okay, thank you, I'm done for a moment.

Commissioner Murray: Before I recognize the next commissioner, I actually had a question for you **Commissioner Bonilla**. You had asked about considering expanding the size, or number of members of the advisory committee, I'm looking at section 4.3 of the policy, and we're presently proposing nine members, and it appears that they come from a diversity of organizations where they clearly would not all share the same view of this issue. Did you have a specific amendment to the policy you were proposing?

Commissioner Bonilla: My amendment would be to make the committee large enough to encompass diverse participation, and to ensure that at all meetings, that there will be sufficient or adequate participation, because I know that when you start out with a small committee, you may have the expectations that everyone will be at that committee, at the meetings, and perhaps not. So, my thinking is that I don't think we would be erring to broaden the committee to 13, 15, to whatever number it needs to be, to make sure that there's a feeling in the community that there is adequate or diverse enough participation, especially by dog owners.

Commissioner Murray: I do just want to bring to your attention, I think we've had this experience on one committee that we've both have participated in, that the larger the committee size the larger the quorum and without a quorum you can't act or meet. So I just want to bring that to your attention. I do think the proposal as it's written with nine members allows you to have at least four from each side of the leash.

Commissioner Bonilla: Yeah, that's an awful small number to be making recommendations and decisions I would think. But I may be wrong.

Commissioner Murray: Okay, thank you. **Commissioner Martin**, did you have a comment?

Commissioner Martin: I just wanted to say that the advisory committee too I think is really important in this whole process. This process is kind of tough to sit here all night and watch. I hear people talking, makes so mad language about dogs, when we're really talking about dog owners. Because as you know all dogs are born innocent and straight forward, have no problems, they learn they bad lessons from other folks. My question is do we have any licensing requirements for any of them people that bring dogs to the Parks?

Elizabeth Goldstein: In San Francisco there aren't supposed to be any dogs in the City that aren't licensed. The responsibilities for enforcement of those laws however, do not devolve to

this Department, thank goodness, and it is the responsibility of Animal Care and Control, and the Police Department.

Commissioner Martin: We might not want it, but it's something that should be dealt with in some other fashion. Because this whole thing is not dogs, and it needs to be dealt with. I think when people had license, and then when we have issues where dogs violate something in the park and we have a record of it, we then can deal with that owner in a different fashion, and also deal to what happens with that dog in that park again, which would be much better probably to the problems we're dealing with here. Maybe we need to recommend to whoever deals with this that we need to take another look at this situation, might not do it for city wide, but for the park they ought to add some kind of responsibility here.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: I agree with **Commissioner Martin**. The problem is enforcement. And I want to thank our staff and our Department for working so hard on this and I don't know if it was clear before I got here, because I was late, or if it was clear in **Elizabeth Goldstein**'s response to **Commissioner Bonill**a, but I would like for everybody to understand what the alternative is if we don't vote for this policy, and am I correct in understanding that the alternative would be, that it would be, just strict enforcement of the dog policy as it stands now. Which would be a lot less than what is being proposed tonight in terms of additional areas for recreation with dogs. I think that this Department has definitely accepted the fact and welcome fact, that recreation with dogs is a very valid and a very popular and a very beneficial means of recreation for many people in San Francisco, it's very clear from all of this tonight. Our Department's worked with the community on this for a long time, is not a waste of time and money, it is our Department being on the cutting edge and trying to say, yes we could have said, and I was one of the people who said, yes we should go with hours, it's easy, if you see a dog at this hour, then a dog doesn't belong there, it's so easy and enforceable, but this is the result of our trying to accept and be on the cutting edge of dog policy and say San Franciscans can live together, we're gonna do this in a San Francisco spirit. We're going to try to do it in an extremely democratic way from the bottom up and create areas where people can recreate with their dogs and where people can enjoy, families can work with dogs. Sometimes I've listened to these comments and wondered if we're all reading the same thing. To me, this is a very sincere effort for us to try to help San Franciscans live together, recreate with dogs, recreate with families and dogs, children and dogs, people who cannot be with dogs will find a place also in this. I'm going to support this policy. I think it's very complicated. I think it requires a lot of enforcement. It's regulations, it's very difficult. But it is a sincere effort on our part to make this work, and I think it's worth a try.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. **Commissioner Chin**.

Commissioner Chin: Thank you Mr. President. Like Commissioner Segal, I do agree we need a policy. I think we can talk all night into the morning as to whether the current status, situation, is good for dogs or not, depending on how you interpret the legitimacy of the current law. I also think that we do need more space for off leash dogs, both in number and in terms of acreage. So, I guess if there was a speaker I would relate to in terms of testimony, I think Ruth Gravinos made that point in support of the policy. But in the hopes that the policy can be implemented in a way that does result in more than one percent, the aggregate total that would be comprised by the dog play areas at this point. Consequently my concern is how the policy plays out in reference to adding additional dog play areas, how many, how big, where. And I am inclined to suggest if I might greater flexibility in terms of the criteria enabling a particular neighborhood to look at hours and the timed use alternative, if a particular neighborhood wanted to, sort of trade off the acreage, the size, versus time issue, has been suggested by some speakers. I think we should give them that flexibility and latitude to make that proposal. There's never a hundred percent consensus in a neighborhood but if there was substantial consensus in the neighborhood, that they wanted a dog play area of a larger size, but absolutely restricting the hours, I think we should allow those kinds of suggestions or compromises to come forth, as opposed to being preempted by the policy as currently written. So I would like to put on the table allowing the timed use alternative as an eligible part of the proposal that could come out of a neighborhood for a dog play area. I can put that in the form of a motion if you would suggest...

Commissioner Murray: What I'd like to do is get all of the changes at one time, so let's go

through comments, and I'll come back and ask for motions if we can do it that way. Looks like we have **Commissioner Martin**.

Commissioner Martin: I just wanted to say that I have a problem with this, and the reason I have a problem is not here, the staff did a good job in putting this together, I know the hard work that was done, but without some regulations here in dealing with the issues that we have, the new one you put in is going to have the same kind of problems. It's impossible to do without having some regulation. It's like speeding a hundred miles an hour on the road, if you don't have someone out there to govern it, then everybody's going to speeding a hundred miles an hour. So, we've got all these problems, and most of the problems we got now is because there's nobody watching and dealing with the issues. So unless we put something in place, whoever deals with it, I don't know who it is, we need to send a suggestion, motion or some special order over to those people, put in some requirement that they govern these parks to help us with these problems. Because if we don't get the help, they're going to be back. The same problems is going to be here again. It's not going to get any better. You're just putting something in place, but without some regulations, ain't gonna get no better. That's the problem we have.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you **Commissioner Martin**. Do we have any more general discussion before we talk about specific amendments to the document that's before us. Hearing none, I'd like to do a couple of things. **Commissioner Bonilla** asked about process with regard to the advisory committee, I know that the general manager has worked on a little flow chart, but I have a general question for her, and maybe you can put the flow chart up. It seems to me what we've done in other areas is the department tries to resolve problems in their entirety and then reports on those that are resolved, and surfaces those that are not, and so I'm optimistic that that is what this flow chart would reflect.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I'm going to read this out, cause I think it's probably a little bit hard to read on the screen, but I think, one of my other talented colleagues did this, so I'm not going to take credit for it, but I think it gets at what you were both getting at. So let's see whether it does. So if a complaint comes to the staff, and is resolved, it's okay within thirty days, it obviously has been resolved in a successful way, is the line that across the top of the chart. If it isn't or can't be resolved by the staff in some way, then it goes to the advisory committee and the advisory committee and the staff try to sort out a resolution to that problem and hopefully come up with a yes. So, I think, obviously complaints that go to the staff that are resolved probably should be reported through the process as well, but the idea here is there would be a branching here that happens if complaints could not be dealt with by the staff, then they would absolutely go to the advisory committee for input and an attempt at resolution. The first thing that I'm going to do is ask the staff person that wrote this whether that interpretation is correct.

Dan McKenna : Yes that is correct. I was involving the party that was complaining with staff and the advisory committee after thirty days, immediately. So we do the 60-day law and we basically engage all three parties immediately.

Commissioner Murray: The one step that seems to be missing from here is if the staff and the complaining party can't resolve it, what happens?

Elizabeth Goldstein: If we've gone to the Advisory Committee and we're down here and the answer is no...

Commissioner Murray: Not that the answer is no, because frequently, we have rules, so frequently the answer is you'd like this and we can't do it, but ...

Elizabeth Goldstein: If it can't be resolved in some way either with a negative or positive, there's something. I guess that there's a couple things I could imagine in those circumstances. One is that it may be that part of the reason it can't be resolved is because there's something wrong with the policy, or that there's something wrong in another systemic way that needs to be resolved, and I think that what we'd want to do is to develop some steps out of that process if things can't be resolved to begin to change whatever the systemic reasons or policy reasons are that were preventing it from being resolved. For instance to name an example that I know is of

concern to a lot of people sitting behind me, if the answer was that we couldn't resolve a surface issue and we were beginning to hear lots of concerns in smaller off leash areas, that surfaces were really unsatisfactory, and the complaints, the staff tried to resolve them, we couldn't resolve them, they went to the advisory ommittee, the advisory committee didn't have necessarily a good answer to the question either, and we couldn't resolve it there. Then I think we'd have to look to the policy for either changes to the policy or to begin to look at other kinds of systemic answers to that question, whether the size limitation or the size minimum is indeed too small, and we need talk about size changes. I think what it would do is it would trigger a discussion around the systemic and policy issues which might bring things back to the Commission for change.

Commissioner Murray: And there is built into this already a set of report backs to the Commission on how things are going, so that could be part of what that report back includes. **Commissioner Bonilla** does that address your question?

Commissioner Bonilla: It does for the most part. My only concern here though is that if, the amount of time that it would take for us to go through this whole complaint process, and if it is sixty days, if that might be a little bit too long to work on resolving an issue, but I'm not really clear on the array of issues that might occur and if they could get solved at a quicker pace or not, but I think it helps if the Department does delineate all the steps very clearly, particularly in the instance of if we're not able to resolve, how then it would go back to the commission for a hearing or if in fact that would be the case. And if it is going to be the case it should be spelled out more clearly.

Commissioner Murray: I'm just wondering if you can answer this in the context, because this has got to happen with a wide variety of areas where we have a general manager because we want problems to get resolved before they get to the Commission, so maybe you can answer that specific question but put it in the context, I know we have issues with tennis and golf and all kinds of uses in the park, and I think this is probably no different, that we expect the department to solve it and to tell us where the problem issues are on a periodic basis.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I guess our expectation is that what we would be doing with the advisory committee is actually not just throwing this in your lap, but that we would be coming back to the Commission, if it was a policy change for instance, if it was an issue of size, the kind of surface material we considered, or something else like that, that we'd actually come back to you with a recommendation for a change that was the result of hopefully a rich conversation at the advisory committee level and with the public about what change ought to take place in the policy to make it better. That clearly is the case with physical problems, or criteria that don't seem to be working over time. I think the more difficult thing is if we're having conflicts over the actual existence of on leash and off leash use in a particular place, in a particular park, I think that's going to be a really rare case, and I don't know how we'd resolve that frankly off the top of my head. But I think that the vast majority of things that would come would be much more in the physical and criteria policy level change and we would recommend things to you.

Commissioner Murray: Okay. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: I said I was supporting this, but I have to say that your answer, I'm not going to change my mind, but my major criticism about this although I'm supporting it, is how complicated this is. I'm really hoping that it works, because I truly believe it's a sincere effort on our part to make more space available for off leash dogs. But I think the issue is not so much the complaint issue which is this 6.4 (unintelligible) a little bit more what **Commissioner Martin** talked about, which is 5.3, enforcement, and unfortunately this Department doesn't have that much say in the policy's success based on that.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Well, we have worked with Animal Care and Control, and the Police Department in advance of this meeting, and we have for over a year, to review this policy with them, to talk about ways that we could work together to do enforcement. We've talked about ways to empower the staff at some levels in the Department, through training to help that, obviously there's issues that we don't want to put our staff in an uncomfortable position with

people that they see all the time, but we think that there are ways that we can empower the staff to helpful in that regard. So the one thing that we don't want to do is to put the community in the place where they're the ones having to do enforcement. And that's a really uncomfortable place, and that's kind of where we are now. That's what we think we want to avoid. We are confident that we have the support, and that's the reason I asked **Captain Lawson** to come tonight, we're confident that the police department will work with us whatever policy ultimately gets adopted to institute and enforcement program that will work, but not until we've been through the education process that we have to be through, and the policy dictates for 90 days, public education and outreach.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: I hesitate to ask this next question. What happens, when will we know if this is working or it isn't? At what point, because this is going to require a lot, it's going to take money from our capital program to implement...

Commissioner Murray: **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** can I incorporate that into something I'm just going to get to...

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: Okay please do.

Commissioner Murray: I think I'm ready to move us along and address your issue also and save her answering the same thing twice. If you could stay at the podium that probably would be useful though. I think we've got a cohort of folks who've been by in large very fortunate to be on this commission. We work with kids and dogs and park and sunshine and apple pie and Mom and it's generally just a wonderful experience. And even difficult issues like this are a wonderful experience because people are passionate about their neighbors and parks and more than having people agree with us we want them to care about parks. So, whether you agree with what we do tonight or not, what we care about is that you're out in the parks and enjoying them and that's an important thing. So, all of us are here and now into the fifth or sixth or hour of this meeting because we care passionately about parks and about all the different kinds of users and uses of those parks. The situation as it exists today is we have a policy in place that not only is not enforced it's not enforceable. And as a legislative body to the extent we are, we ask the Department to undertake discovering a policy that might not only be enforceable but could make parks a better place for everyone. And I want to thank the staff because while we've sat through one-six hour meeting I have a sense that they've been a couple of years of six-hour meetings. And like a very few issues the City faces we're never going to have absolute consensus on this. We're just not and one of the interesting things to me, this is an issue that we've known has been coming cause we had to set up this special meeting for a long time and I think the vast majority of people on this Commission have owned a dog at one time or another in their life or have and have had positive experiences. Are really interested in forging a situation that works for everyone. So that you don't have the mothers with two-year olds who are afraid of dogs and you don't have the dogs being trapped in small unattractive areas. I think all of us have been approached on this issue in a variety of context because we are in this situation of having to make a decision that's going to effect a million people. Because park users are the group not dog owners and non-dog owners. Everyone is effected by how we carve up park property, how we administrate park property, how we control it, how we create a sense of that there are actually are rules for how we use the park. We enforce the rules for use of athletic field not just for dog owners but for people who just have ad-hoc games. You can't go to Crissy Field and start a football game for example, although many people do from time to time. We aren't always successfully enforcing that. So one of the things I see here happening that's important in that whether you feel like you've won or lost tonight you should take away from this process is that there now is a set of staff within the Department and a constituency within the community that will be focused on the issue of how do dogs work in parks. Because we've had an enforceable policy in the past, all we've really had is complainants on both sides. We haven't had people trying to work towards solutions. So while those solutions may be difficult and evasive we now are talking about creating a process for solutions to be aired and discussed. Like all of our policies this is not final in the sense that it is fixed forever. We can come back in a month or six months or a year and change those things that we feel don't work. This policy includes a reporting process and we can elaborate through our motions tonight on what we want reported back. Those of you who took the time and filled out the cards this is not your last opportunity to be heard by this body. You can continue to be heard. So, I guess what I'm going to ask us to do

is to be narrow in our amendments tonight and to give this an opportunity. We've in effect had no rules in our parks for 10 years with regard to how dogs live in them and so we're putting something in place and we're going to need to evaluate it and I'm quite sure we're going to need to change it - elements of it. But the only way to find that out is to actually do something. My father used to have a saying that eventually you have to do something and even nothing is something. So, I think we've done nothing a long time and now is the time for us to make the changes that we feel are most important and beyond that let's call the vote. So I'd like to encourage crisp amendments to the written document and then I'd like to have a roll call vote and see if we can do that by midnight. Do we have specific amendments that would like to be seconded and can we bring those to the fore now. **Commissioner Chin.**

Commissioner Chin: Thank you Mr. President. I hope I can articulate this correctly. In reference to the issue of time use I would like to amend...I'm not sure which section it is, whether it's the hours of operation section Elizabeth or the section in referring to how a new DPA is formed. But I would like the policy to allow neighbors, the proposers of a new DPA to be able to specify restricted use if they so wished. Actually your hours of operation section currently gives RPD the right to restrict any DPA operating hours. I just want to enable the proposers from the neighbor in coming up with the proposed DPA to have that same right if they want to propose a larger DPA and restrict hours instead of a smaller PDA available all day.

Commissioner Murray: Mr. Chin I just want to see if I can seek some clarification. The time use proposal as I understand it is not a dog play area proposal per se. But rather that the entire park would be a play area with timed use. so I just want to see is that the proposal that you...

Commissioner Chin: Not necessarily. If a neighborhood comes forward, as it right now we have de-facto dog play areas all over the City. All day 24/7.

Commissioner Murray: Right the entirety of every park.

Commissioner Chin: All I am saying is if a particular neighborhood wanted to propose a dog play area of this minimum size or let's say larger and they work it out within the neighborhood for maybe, particularly for a small park. Maybe a larger dog play area but the trade off you know with the other side is restricting hours. That's all I'm trying to do here to allow that flexibility if that happened to be the case coming out of a particular neighborhood around a particular park.

Commissioner Murray: Let me see I'm going to offer to see if I can clarify what...

Commissioner Chin: I'd appreciate it.

Commissioner Murray: So we can get in the form of an amendment. What you'd be suggesting I think actually an alternative to a specified dog play area would be to have an entire park have availability during specified hours. So it would actually be an alternative to this?

Commissioner Chin: That could one scenario. Another scenario they could designate half the park as a dog play area and restrict the hours. I want to give those consensus [unintelligible] in the neighborhoods and maybe idealistic, as much flexibility as possible and then maybe a year from now we'll take a look at all the different kind of models.

Commissioner Murray: Let me do this, before we figure out the mechanics and the specific language why don't we see if there's a second? If there's no second then we won't have to work on the details. Is there a second to that concept?

Commissioner Newhouse Segal : Can we have discussion before this?

Commissioner Murray: You can have as much discussion as you would like.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: Thank you sir. So basically a neighborhood especially with the

small Parks because that's where it's going to be more difficult. That's where the worst areas are going to be and that would be the most objectionable for both sides of this issue. So a neighborhood could opt out of this plan and instead request that their park be addressed in a time manner instead and that could only be for parks under 10 acres.

Commissioner Murray: I will tell you, obviously we haven't gotten into the mechanism and it's unclear if we have a second. But what it sounds like is we will have park-by-park proposals and I know that one of the original objectives of the policy was to have a City-wide policy. Excuse me, we're having discussion among the Commission. Thank you very much. So I'd just encourage you to think on that and maybe why don't we take some easier amendments and you guys contemplate that for a couple of minutes and we'll come back to that and see where we are. I know we have an amendment on resolving complaints and if that resolution is acceptable to you, I think we can just take that motion and go ahead and amend what we'll then vote on. We won't be voting on this policy but we'll make it an addition to the draft. Is that mechanically the way we'd do it now that we've lost our....okay. So, if this is your motion, if this reflects your motion you can seek a second and we'll go ahead and amend what will be voted on. So it will be included or not included when the entire policy gets voted. Is that your motion?

Commissioner Bonilla: Yes.

Commissioner Murray: Is there a second?

Commissioner Murray: This is just with regard to complaints. Resolution and the process.

Commissioner Chin: I'll second it.

Commissioner Murray: Okay so, that's fine. We'll consider that. Hold on one second. If could have a vote on that. All who are in favor of just amending the draft that will next be considered to include this chart and process say aye.

AYE

Commissioner Murray: Any opposed? Okay that's done. Any other amendments beyond the one we're going to come back to.

Commissioner Martin: I'm struggling with trying to see if there's something we can do not now, but in 90-days or something like that. Come up with some kind of joint enforcement policy that we can put in place.

Commissioner Murray: Would you like a report back from the staff on what's going on with enforcement? General Manager Goldstein -thoughts?

Elizabeth Goldstein: Let me see whether I'm just clear. So you're asking whether we could come back with a joint enforcement plan?

Commissioner Martin: Yes, plan, yes.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Within the 90-days?

Commissioner Martin: Yes.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Which would take place whenever we started enforcement?

Commissioner Murray: Yes.

Elizabeth Goldstein: Okay. I think that's something that we could do, yes.

Commissioner Murray: Which is probably a year away or more, right? Because we've got a grace period before enforcement is really in effect?

Elizabeth Goldstein: Well clarify for me what your intention was Commissioner, within the 90-day education period?

Commissioner Martin: ...plan together which we'd have a chance to come back here and we'd look at it but it would go in place hopefully shortly after this goes in place.

Commissioner Murray: I think the intent if we passed this and I'll look for clarification from the General Manager. Is that would be enforced and it was developed with enforceability in mind and in that the enforcing authority was part of this effort. Is that correct?

Elizabeth Goldstein: Yes and **Commissioner Martin**'s comments are consistent with what we intended to do over the next 90-days. Was to work with Animal Care and Control and the Police Department to develop an enforcement plan that would take place at the end of the 90-days. So if you want to be explicit about that in the policy I think that's entirely consistent.

Commissioner Martin: I would like to see us be specify about that something that would be added to this policy. It's a policy to be a part of this.

Commissioner Murray: Is the report what you're looking for, is for us to hear about how the enforcement's going to be done?

Commissioner Martin: Yeah, so we can look at it and see if there's anything we can suggest to add to it or whatever but...

Commissioner Murray: Make your motion sir.

Commissioner Martin : Yeah, that's my motion.

Commissioner Getty: Is there a second for that?

Commissioner Murray: Okay, all in favor?

AYE

Commissioner Murray: Any opposed? None. Okay, any other amendments before we come back to **Commissioners Chin** and **Newhouse Segal** . We have the revised natural areas language, is that already in the draft? Or is that needed to be voted into the draft?

Elizabeth Goldstein: It needs to be voted into the draft.

Commissioner Murray: Do we have a motion to include the revised natural areas language? What that will do is reduce the number of acres that are excluded from use by off leash dogs. So I think that's generally considered not controversial. It's recommended by the Department. Is that a motion for that?

Commissioner Chin: I'll move it.

Commissioner Getty: Second.

Commissioner Murray: All in favor?

AYE

Commissioner Murray: Any opposed? General Manager Goldstein before we come back to this issue, if you could comment on how we might accommodate it either by identifying one or two parks, or try it out or look at it in six months or is there language that would allow us to include it as an alternative? But since you're going to be bearing the laboring oar of actually making it work with your staff I would be interested in your opinion.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I guess if the Commission is committed to us exploring this then what I would propose is that you give to us as language for exploration. That we take to the advisory committee for them to bring a recommendation on whether or not this could be incorporated into the criteria by a time certain. So if you'll forgive the phrase. Because I must be really clear that I have substantial concerns about whether or not this can work. But if you feel strongly and you would like the advisory committee in conjunction with the Department to figure out whether it can work and come back with a proposal that would work within whatever length of time you'd like us to consider it. I certainly would be willing to explore it again under those circumstances. But I would prefer that you not include a mandate to do it right away without us having an opportunity to talk through the problems, sort out what the community concerns are and see whether we can come up with the policy that really can work. So that's not obviously you call.

Commissioner Chin: I'm not sure exactly what you're suggesting Elizabeth. That this would just be deferred as an item to be discussed by the advisory committee at some future date or?

Elizabeth Goldstein: Yes and if you want to make sure that it gets discussed I suggest you set a time certain for either a policy modification or a report coming back to you saying, we can recommend a policy change at some date certain.

Commissioner Murray: **Commissioner Chin**, I think what we might craft if this helpful to you. Where this seems to be the most significant problem is in small parks. Where it would be difficult to craft a significant size dog play area. And so if we were to suggest that specifically the staff and this advisory commission look at small parks for possible timed enforcement rather than the alternative to a specified dog play area with barriers. And report back by a date certain, we as the Commission can change this policy. So, if that would be your motion I think that would be one way to get there.

Commissioner Chin: That's a very good suggestion. Could that indeed include some actual demonstration projects in the short term? I just want to see if it works and until we try it we won't know.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I think what we will do and I will make a commitment to you that if we decide to do this exploration period with the advisory committee that one of the things that they will explore is whether doing some tests would be make some sense. And how to structure those if they indeed think and we think that this is workable.

Commissioner Murray: **Commissioner Chin** perhaps your motion could include giving the General Manager the authority but not the requirement to do one or more of these tests. So she wouldn't have to come back for a separate vote from us in order to do it. We could give her the authority to do, if she wanted to. But if not could bring the report without having done that, does that help you?

Commissioner Chin: It does but I want her to do it that's the thing.

Elizabeth Goldstein: And I just want to reiterate that I have substantial concerns about whether this enforcement to make a policy like this work, could be mustered. And that's why I'm being cautious here. It's not because I'm not willing to do try anything and everything but because I am uncomfortable based on what I know from other cities and based on what I've heard and the National Recreation and Park Associations Recommendations in this regards. So I am certainly willing to work with the advisory committee to explore this. I am certainly willing to try some experiments if the advisory committee recommends them to the Department and report back to you. I just want to be clear that I have substantial reservations.

Commissioner Murray: We've got requests to speak from basically all the Commissioners. So why don't I go ahead and let's hear from some other folks. **Commissioner Martin**? You're okay. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**?

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: Okay I'm still for this policy but I've always liked the time and in the small Parks because it would be so much less expensive because of the lack of barriers to do this way. And the only thing that seems to be lacking in making that work in the small parks is exactly what's lacking in our whole policy as it exists today, which is enforcement. So, I like the fiscal responsibility issue, it would take nothing to have a time limit or have a time regulation in the ten acre and under Parks. Nothing except enforcement which is something that we don't have. So that's of course the dilemma. But how would we know? How would you identify the parks....I'm thinking **Commissioner Murray's** idea of them coming forward to the Commission if that's what they want might be appropriate. But who is this "they"? How is it determined? We'd have to have a whole other set of regulations to decide before this could be addressed that way.

Commissioner Murray: I think we might find enormous interest and differences of opinion in doing this in the same way that we found it this evening. And so one of the questions I'd ask my fellow Commissioners is - do we want this issue at every Commission meeting for the foreseeable future as we try to evaluate this among the portfolio of problems we need to solve for the City.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: Oh, there's only 50 parks under 10 acres!

Commissioner Murray: So I can get **Commissioner Martin** are you back on? **Commissioner Bonilla**, do you have an issue? Okay. One concern that I do have is it's taken three years to come up with a draft policy for consideration and I think that the success of the policy that we're trying to consider will be in some part dependent upon it's implementation. And I have some concern if we're trying to on the one hand implement one policy on a City-wide basis and make it consistent. At the same experimenting with other policies to try determine if they will work. So I'd encourage a motion to look at the issue first, get some word back while we're trying to see if whatever policy we're going with is working or not. I'm just not sure we have the ability as a staff and a Department to do multiple things at once in this area. We have **Commissioner Martin**.

Commissioner Martin: No.

Commissioner Murray: Okay. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** are you?

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: I just want to say that's fair.

Commissioner Murray: So, is there a motion to require that the first issue that this committee take up, if it is formed by a vote of this body would be to look at the issue of timed use. And to report back by a date certain that you'll suggest in your motion.

Commissioner Chin: I would. I have no idea when would the advisory committee have it's first meeting we can anticipate Elizabeth?

Elizabeth Goldstein: It's our intention if this body passes this, to put the advisory committee in place extremely quickly. So that it could get on with it in this next 90 days. Because I think it's our intention to try and designate the easy places quickly so that they are legitimate. So, I think we would have that in place very quickly and be working hard over the next 90 days. So I think if you could give us just a little more time than the 90 days but whatever you think makes sense beyond that.

Commissioner Chin: I would accept Mr. President the language you just articulated in reference to your directive to the General Manager. I would trust you that this would be an issue addressed in the first meeting of the advisory committee. I'm not specifying what we're asking you to do

specifically. I'm not asking you to do a demonstration project but I just want you to address it seriously. I anticipate you will get some proposals from the neighborhood that may the timing issue as part of their package anyway. So you will have to deal with it in reacting to those proposals anyway.

Commissioner Murray: Is there a second for that motion? What's the motion, okay. The motion is an amendment to I guess this document or whatever it is. The Commissioner requests that the advisory commission prepare and deliver a report by the October Commission meeting on timed use of parks under 10 acres. How's that?

Commissioner Chin: That's fine.

Commissioner Murray: Okay we have a motion and a second. Do we need a roll call vote is this acclimation? All in favor?

AYE

Commissioner Murray: Any opposed? I think that brings us to voting on the body of the document unless there are other technical or other amendments that are in the interest, that are suggested by staff or by our Commission. I think we probably should have a roll call vote on this and can you help us out Sharie? Roll call vote. We need a motion excuse me. I apologize. We need a motion. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Newhouse Segal: I'll make the motion.

Commissioner Murray: Great and a second? **Commissioner Bonilla** seconds. No? You have a question I'm sorry. Excuse me.

Commissioner Bonilla: I just wanted to get a point of clarification before we vote on the full body of the document. My point of clarification relates to the representation on the Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Murray: Right, section 4.3 let's look at this while you ask your question.

Commissioner Bonilla: Whether we're satisfied or not with the representation as proposed in the size of the advisory committee. Because we had brought that out and I don't know if we sort of glossed over it or what actually took along those lines.

Commissioner Murray: Perhaps I can provide a little bit of feedback. I know that there are a couple of critical elements about that committee. One is that we have the ability to have people representing both sides. The list of organizations is just that, a lot of organizations and as I look down that list I see that there are clearly organizations on both sides of the issue. The question that I would ask is if you are going to have split votes does it matter whether you have split votes that are 5-4 or 8-9. My suspicion is that we will have split votes from this body. I do think that the larger you have the organization, the larger you make that body the more work it's going to be for it to meet and do it's job. So, I am comfortable that 9 is a healthy number again, this is our document and we can come back and revise it if we hear from the organizations themselves that it is insufficient to be representative. I would be interested in any comments from our staff to the extent they're still with us about the size.

Elizabeth Goldstein: I'm still with you. I think that I am concerned about making the organization too much larger. Although a modest increase I think would be fine. I do think that if there's any question in any one's mind that it was our intention to make sure that this committee is representative of the many sides of this issue. Language that specifies that to be included in the documents is totally welcome because that was clearly the Departments intent.

Commissioner Murray: I think that would be a great motion.

Commissioner Bonilla: So could I make a motion that we have at least expand the Committee to 11 members.

Commissioner Chin: I'll second that.

Commissioner Murray: All in favor of that motion?

AYE

Commissioner Murray: Any opposed? None being opposed the Committee is now 11. Are there any other motions before we have a vote? Actually we did not finish. Would the maker accept the amendment?

Commissioner Bonilla: I do accept the amendment.

Commissioner Murray: And the seconder? I think that was you Billy. Billy you were the seconder on the original document is that correct? Hearing no objections, okay. No, the original second on the whole document was what I was looking for and needs to accept the amendment. Who was the second? **Commissioner Martin. Commissioner Bonilla** were you the second on the motion for the entire document?

Commissioner Bonilla: I believe so.

Commissioner Murray: Okay do you accept that amendment?

Commissioner Bonilla: Yes I do.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you, go now in peace! I believe we've come to the end of our process here. We have motion in the second, we have enormous body of public testimony and we have technical amendments that have been incorporated in the document. I think Sharie can now honor us with a call roll vote we'll know where we are.

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Murray?

Commissioner Murray: Yes.

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Getty?

Commissioner Getty: Yes

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Bonia?

Commissioner Bonilla: Yes.

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Chin?

Commissioner Chin: Yes.

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Martin?

Commissioner Martin: Yes.

Sharie Canja: Commissioner Newhouse Segal?

Commissioner Newhouse-Segal: Yes.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Bonilla** the following resolution was adopted:**RES. NO. 0205-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's Draft Dog Policy

with the following amendments:

1) Section 2.0 Definitions located on page 4 of Policy:

Sensitive Habitat Areas: These areas support or are likely to support locally important, rare threatened or endangered species (examples include red-tailed hawk nesting sites, heron rookeries, cormorant nesting colonies, red-legged frog habitat, western pond turtle habitat, wetlands, quail habitat areas). Sensitive Habitat Areas are areas within designated Natural Areas (see list in Appendix) that would be off-limits to dogs. Of approximately 500 acres of Natural Areas available for recreational use, approximately 20% would be considered Sensitive Habitat Areas. The remainder of the Natural Areas (approximately 400 acres) would be potentially available for off-leash, on-lease or on-trail DPAs. Sensitive Habitat Areas include:

Sensitive wildlife areas such as breeding habitat for birds

Sensitive remnant native plant communities such as wetlands

Sensitive plant populations such as locally rare wildflower species

High erosion prone areas

Active restoration areas (temporary exclusion only)

RPD is currently conducting a scientific study in order to more clearly designate and define these areas. This scientific study will be reviewed and revised through a public process beginning in June 2002. While the attached list of Significant Natural Resource Areas provides a good framework for identifying SNRAs it is general and is not necessarily reflective of on the ground resources. Therefore, each park and open space must be evaluated on a case by case basis in order to determine the exact boundaries of Sensitive Habitat Areas.

Section 3.1 Location - page 5, 4th paragraph: Delete Significant Natural Resource Areas

Section 3.6 DPA Opportunities - page 7, 8 & 9. Add the following language to each description in the "other criteria" category:

Some parts of dog accessible Natural Areas may have additional restrictions such as on-trail, voice control, and/or on-leash requirements. Some areas may require seasonal restrictions. These restrictions will be considered along with other park criteria and determined on a case by case basis.

2) amend Section 4.3 to read "The committee will consist of 11 members eight (8) selected from citywide organizations promoting park advocacy and three representing citywide government institutions."

3) amend Section 4.by adding the following language " The Department, with input from the Advisory Committee will prepare and deliver a report to the Recreation and Park Commission no later than October 2002 on timed use."

4) amend Section 4.5 to read "DPA evaluations shall be carried out one (1) year after a DPA is first sited, established, and/or significant renovation has been completed. After that, DPAs should be evaluated every three (3) years. An evaluation should be held in the interim if RPD

determines that conditions warrant it. Existing DPAs shall be evaluated within one (1) year of this policy's inception.

DPA evaluations will be conducted by a committee comprised of representatives from RPD, the Advisory Committee, the neighborhood, Animal Care & Control and relevant local citizen associations. The Advisory Committee and RPD will develop the evaluation instrument. The evaluations should include utilization, compliance, effectiveness of barriers, community and fiscal impacts. The evaluation should also include a satisfaction survey of users and neighbors and consider the number, severity, and resolution of complaints and issues raised during the evaluation period. To clarify the issue of complaints further, RPD will attempt to resolve any complaints within 30 days. RPD will report to the Advisory Committee on the status of all complaints. Any complaints that are not resolved will be considered by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will work with the complainant and RPD to determine an appropriate action within 60 days."

5) amend Section 5.3 by adding the following language "The Recreation and Park Department shall recommend a joint enforcement policy to the Commission within 90 days of the adoption of this Policy."

Commissioner Murray: The motion is passed 6-0. Six right? Yeah. We're missing one member short, I always want to say seven. So we're done with our business for the evening. If there's a motion to adjourn we can consider our business finished. Second? All in favor. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

June 13, 2002
Public Notices

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, June 13, 2002 - 2:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 2:47 p.m. by President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

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Present:

John Murray, President

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Bonilla the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Webby Awards' request for amplified sound from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the Legion of Honor consisting of, one electronic sculpture and one remote controlled robot performing with DJ music on June 18, 2002. Staff to report back all complaints received. **RES. NO. 0206-001**

GENERAL CALENDAR

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

Elizabeth Goldstein presented this item to the Commission. The project would be approximately 550 feet southwest from Midtown Terrace Park and located on the east side of Clarendon Avenue at Olympia Way. The Laguna Honda Hospital Replacement project would be over one million square feet and up to seven stories tall. The replacement towers will cast new shadows on Midtown Terrace Park, which are subject to Section 295 of the Planning Code.

Section 295 of the Planning Code, adopted 1985, provides that the Planning Department cannot issue a building permit for a project that would cast new shadow on land under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission unless the Planning Department determines that the impact of the shadow would be insignificant for shadows cast on various parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Proposition K does not include any quantitative criteria (maximum shadow) for Midtown Terrace. Generally, the qualitative criteria for the park is based on the current shadow conditions in the park, important times of the day, important seasons in the year, size and duration of new shadows, and the public good served by buildings casting new shadows. A discussion of the qualitative criteria is more fully described in the attached shadow analysis.

The findings from the shadow analysis indicates that the existing park is currently not shaded by any structure subject to Proposition K (zero percent shaded). The proposed Laguna Honda Replacement towers would add about .007 percent of additional shadowing throughout the year, totaling a combined net shadow impact to the park of 143,333.6 square foot hours of new shadow.

Short duration of annual shading, the relatively quick movement of the winter shadow on the park, the fact that the shading would not occur near the facility's clubhouse or play structure and given the enormous social benefits of the hospital replacement project, the Planning Department has concluded that the shading from the project would riot be significant or adverse.

Sarah Vellve representing the San Francisco Planning Commission stated that the Planning Department has reviewed the shadow study and found it to be complete. The Department has determined that the net new shadow to be cast on the park is not significant or adverse.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal was concerned about the shadows cast in grass area near the children's playground. **Ms. Vellve** explained that at no time will the shadow reach the play or the recreation area and the most intrusive day will be on December 21st where the shadow lasts for 17 minutes, from 3:37 to 3:54 pm, one hour before sunset when the Sunlight Ordinance is no longer in effect.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Bonilla**, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0206-002**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the new shadow that would be cast by the Laguna Honda Hospital Replacement Project on Midtown Terrace Park would/would not be significant within the meaning of Planning Code Section 295 ("Sunlight Ordinance").

KEZAR STADIUM

Jim Jackson presented this item to the Commission requesting approval for Premier Soccer Productions' and Promoter Dennis Lutkins to host an International Soccer event on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at Kezar Stadium. He explained the 1) time of the event, 2) attendance (6,000 - 10,000), 3) cost of tickets, 4) parking, 5) transportation, 6)

security 7) medical services, 8) concessions and 9) fees.

Jeff Wilkins, representing Kezar Advisory Committee stated that he was bitterly disappointed because the advisory committee was not notified about this plan of this event and this size. He also stated his main objection is the unrealistic transportation plan. **Marc Christensen,** Charter Member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, stated that Monday was the first the advisory committee was noticed. He explained that he was very dismayed that an event of this size was never brought to the committee and mentioned the Department had documentation of this event since May 16th. **Dorrie Huntington,** Chair of Kezar Advisory Committee, spoke of the special permit requirements of people in attendance of more than 5,000 people anticipated. She stated her opposition of the planning, and feels that the transportation plan is inadequate and it would be unfortunate for the first major event at Kezar Stadium to be a total fiasco. She encourages the Commission to go back to present a transportation plan that's fair.

Elizabeth Goldstein asked 1) the Project Sponsor to explain the transportation plan and 2) Jim Jackson to explain when this item was presented to the Department and why the advisory committee was not consulted. **Jim Jackson** explained that Mr. Lutkins brought this to him in the middle of May and apologizes that because of his oversight the advisory board was not contacted in an appropriate amount of time. **Commission Murray** asked the Project Sponsor to address the concerns of the proposed event. **Mr. Lutkins** explained to the Commission 1) the date this item was brought to the Department 2) the transportation plan 2) the admission and 3) the flexibility of the date. **Commission Murray** asked the **General Manager** was it not cost effective to have this event at 3Com Park. **General Manager Goldstein** explained 3Com was originally discussed and not possible because of finances. She suggested the Commission approve this permit conditional to the Project Sponsor, advisory committee and staff meet to develop a transportation which satisfies the Department and Commission with the understanding that the permit may not be approved.

The Commission was in agreement that there would be no act on this item.

3 COM PARK

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission to approve 1) a permit and waiver of the rental fees for the Black Diamond Dynasty Juneteenth Fair and 2) an exception to the Recreation and Park Commission Permit and Reservation Policy to allow carnival rides in the parking lot of 3Com Park. The purpose of this event is for community involvement with the Recreation And Park Department and to enjoy the facility we have. The event will start today, however, the carnival will not start until 6:00 p.m. tonight pending approval from the Commission. He explained that with an agreement from the SFPD, the hours changed from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with the exception of Sunday. Chris Mack also commented that besides the carnival there would be a variety of things to at this event.

Comissioner Bonilla asked staff to clarify why the Commission was asked at such a late date to approve both a permit waiver and the project. **Commissioner Murray** was briefed about the project and explained why the organizer was delayed in bringing this item to the Department, there was confusion in the process required and was needed by the Commission. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that all materials were not in place, which prompted legal inquiries regarding the policy on carnival activities on park facilities for actions required by the Commission. **Commissioner Murray** asked the police department representative to address his concern regarding security at night after the park is closed. The representative explained that Patricia Norman would be responsible for private security and SFPD will be on duty until 11:00

p.m. **Patricia Norman** explained that she has been working on the security issues with SFPD and stated there will be overnight security for the duration of this event. **Commissioner Chin**, spoke about the concerns raised at the Finance Committee meeting which were 1) the lateness issue which Elizabeth addressed, 2) the move from the Western Addition to Bayview Hunters Point area and 3) the assurances from the police department that security would be okay. The main focus for the Commission was the policy matter to have an event having carnival activities at one of the Departments park facility. The Finance Committee did not have a problem holding this event in the parking and not in the park itself. **Commissioner Bonilla** asked about the criteria for exception on fee waivers. **Commissioner Murray** explained that the exceptions will be part of our permit policy. **Yentil Williams**, stated that she supports the carnival because since school was out the youth would have something to do besides stay outside and do nothing. **Raneisha Essic**, is in support of the carnival because every year in the summertime there is literally nothing to do except stay outside or watch TV and the carnival would give the children in the community something to forward to.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** seconded by **Commissioner New House Segal**, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0206-004**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission approve: 1) a permit and waiver of the rental fees for the Black Diamond Dynasty Juneteenth Fair to be held in the RV section of the parking lot at 3Com Park from June 12 through June 16, 2002; and 2) an exception to the Recreation and Park Commission Permit and Reservation Policy to allow from June 13 through June 16, 2002 as part of the Juneteenth Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

June 20, 2002
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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 2:18 p.m. by President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Bill Getty

President John Murray announced that items 12 and 13 were removed from the general calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Elizabeth Goldstein updated the Commission on the Department's budget presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2002. The budget analyst proposed that the Department remove from the budget the 11 vacant positions, equipment items they felt were inadequate justifications and some money from the technology proposal for next year. The Department will work with the budget analyst this week to keep these items in the budget.

On June 27th the Department will make its final presentation to the Board of Supervisors. As in the past a final decision will be made on the Departments budget. Included in the budget is $500,000 of labor cuts waiting for a resolution that are going on between the Mayors office and various union locals. If labor negotiations are not resolved, the implication will be very severe

for the Department.

Commissioner Bonilla asked Elizabeth to update the Commission on the total budget cuts anticipated this year. **General Manager Goldstein** spoke about the $3.5 million cut the Department took this year after September 11th. She also discussed: 1) the FY 2002/03 $10.2 million budget problem, 2) the reduced revenues due to the closure of Harding Golf Course $1.6 million, 3) tourist/economic downturn $1.5 million, and 4) reduced general fund contribution $7.1 million.

Commissioner Chin asked Elizabeth to share with the Commission the discussion at the Finance Committee in reference to Monday closures of the recreation centers and how the $500,000 additional cuts will effect the Department. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that Monday closures were off the table and depending on the outcome of the labor negotiations, in anticipation of implementing the additional $500,000 cut, the Department will try to offset this problem by looking at other revenue sources. The Department may have to take service cuts and have been looking at Sunday, holiday and reduced rolling closures.

Commissioner Bonilla was concerned that when the Commission begins implementing the budget for next year there will be a concurrent $5.8 million shortfall. **Commissioner Murray** agreed with **Commissioner Bonilla** suggesting that the Department start planning next year's budget immediately after this budget to avoid any crisis. **Commission Murray** asked General Manager Goldstein to send a letter on behalf of the Commission inviting the Board of Supervisors to participate in next year's budget planning process starting in September, so by this time next year everyone involve will be know that the ideas or concepts are not new and the Commission is fully appraised of what to prepare for.

Noxious Weeds at Harding: On May 21st the Commission on the Environment instructed Department of the Environment staff to issue an exemption for the application of herbicides at Harding/Fleming Golf Courses. The applications have been completed successfully and the noxious weeds found on the course are in the process of being removed.

Park Maintenance: Maintenance staff from the closed Harding and Fleming Golf Courses are working in various neighborhood parks concentrating on improvements to the Department's existing off-leash dog runs. The crews will also perform various deferred maintenance tasks in neighborhood parks for the next six months before returning to the Golf Course.

Windmill prep: Site preparations have been initiated for the renovation of the South Windmill in Golden Gate Park. The dismantling of the windmill will commence in early July.

Soccer Jamboree Tournament: On May 16th, 3COM hosted a soccer match between Mexico and Bolivia with an estimated attendance of 37,000 fans. On May 18th, a Soccer Jamboree Tournament and Community Festival for 240 youth from the Bayview Hunters Point community was held at 3COM. The event featured exhibits, seminars, and other festival activities with soccer as a theme.

Operations Plan

Since the last General Manager's Report to the Commission regarding the status of the Operations Plan in March 2002, the Department is pleased to announce that the four teams that began their meetings have nearly concluded their work. As a reminder, this first cycle of operations planning includes the following four teams: 1. Park and Facilities Design Team 2. Organizational Development Performance and Accountability Team 3. Organizational Development Department Structure Team and 4. Programs and Services Team.

The four teams have produced their draft action plans and have forwarded them to the peer review process, as well as to community stakeholders. (Please note that the Department now has five completed draft plans. The Emergency Preparedness plan has been submitted to the Commission previously.) The teams are now awaiting comments from these parties (some have

already been received) and will then review the comments and determine if the comments necessitate any changes to the plans. The final plans will then be forwarded to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee and the Commission, as well as to the staff and public

As was also indicated in the last General Manager's Report to the Commission, the process has also expanded from four to ten teams as Cycle 2 begins this month. Orientation meetings have been held the weeks of June 10th and June 17th. The six additional teams that have begun meeting are: two new additional teams looking at Park and Facilities Design, Development and Maintenance issues; the Partnerships & Volunteers Team; a new additional team looking at Programs and Services issues; the Communications Team; and a Funding and Revenue Team.

As this process has progressed, the Project Team has realized that the original timeframe laid out for developing the Operations Plan was a bit aggressive. The logistics of receiving peer review comments takes significantly more time than originally anticipated; the work of the operations teams themselves has also taken more time than planned. Despite this, a draft Operations Plan will still be prepared by the December 1 deadline. However, preparation of the full operations plan will continue through 2003.

The Recreation and Park Department Youth Track and Field Meet was conducted at Kezar Stadium on May 11, 2002. Over 200 youngsters participated, with the first and second place finishers advancing to the Hershey National Youth Program Northern California Regional Meet.

The annual SFRPD Class Championships tennis Tournament was conducted at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex on May 11 & 18. 80 boys and girls participated.

Tryouts for U.S. Youth Games in Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball were held in May.

Randall Museum. 1st Annual Bird Calling Contest was held on May 17th. The Randall Museum was approached by Nancy DeStefanis, founder and director of San Francisco Nature Education and Stow Lake Educational Project to co-sponsor San Francisco's own bird calling contest, that was inspired by the contest that has taken place at Piedmont High School for over 25 years. Nancy and her staff worked with 65 students from Lakeshore and Sunnyside Elementary Schools to teach them about birds - not only their songs, but their behavior, feeding habits and plumage. The children's performances were judged by representatives from several community-based organizations, including the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Audubon Society and Pacific Foundation Services.

The Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, under the direction of Diane Price, performed "Dames At Sea" in the Randall Theatre. They held six shows over two consecutive weekends in May, with a total attendance of 595.

City-Wide Senior Adult Program. The 24th annual Senior Prom Dance was held at Richmond Recreation Center on May 15th. Over 300 attendees danced to the live music of the Maury Wolohan Band. Door prizes, donated by local merchants were awarded to lucky raffle ticket holders.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the May 16, 2002 meeting.

RES. NO. 0206-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San

Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 **RES. NO. 0206-005**

Sale To:

Lincoln Park Zoo 1.0 Slender-tailed Meerkat

2001 N. Cannon Drive USDA #33-C-0004

Chicago, IL 60614 $50.00 ea. $50.00 total

Zooworld 1.3 Slender-tailed Meerkat

9008 Front Beach Road USDA #58-C-0460

Panama City, FL 32407 $50.00 ea. $200.00 total

Donation To:

Micke Grove Zoo 1.0 Snow Leopard

11793 N. Micke Grove Road USDA #93-C-0006

Lodi, CA 95240-9499

Erie Zoo 0.1 Siamang

P.O. Box 3268 USDA - # 23-C-0002

Erie, PA 16508

Ron Whitfield 0.0.12 Peafowl

P.O. Box 594 USDA - N/A

Suisun City, CA 84585

Donation From:

University of California 0.1 European Ferret

Dr. Cliff Roberts USDA # TBD

Director, LARC

Box 0564

San Francisco, CA 94143

Chin Colores Ranch 0.0.2 Chichilla

Pamela Oldham USDA # N/A

6150 T Street

Sacramento, CA 95817

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to King C. Electric, Inc. in the amount of $922,648 for the Panhandle Pathway and Lighting - 3rd Avenue at Kezar Improvement project.

RES. NO. 0206-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Subsurface Environmental Corp. in the amount of $1,237,234 for the renovation of Excelsior Playground and Lessing Sears Mini Park. **RES. NO. 0206-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Subsurface Environmental Corp. in the amount of $2,856,000 for the renovation of North Lake in Golden Gate Park.

RES. NO. 0206-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of construction contract to Alpha Bay Builders in the amount of $94,800 for the Noe Courts retaining wall stabilization .

RES. NO. 0206-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve two temporary wooden kiosks to be used to sell entry tickets and Conservatory-themed merchandise outside the Conservatory of Flowers.

RES. NO. 0206-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA's) request to produce the 25th Anniversary Festival of Arts , a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2002. **RES. NO. 0206-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: 1) Slims Production Company's request to produce a two-day musical festival Event, "Strictly Bluegrass" on October 5 -6, 2002, 2) a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 3) a request for road closure on JFK Drive from 30th Avenue to Transverse Drive, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on both days at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0206-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the Tioga Lot.

RES. NO. 0206-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual renovation plan for the play area at Palou-Phelp Mini Park. **RES. NO. 0206-014**

GENERAL CALENDAR

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

Yomi Agundiade, Acting Director, Office of the City Architect presented the preliminary findings on a comprehensive shadow study of potential new shadow on Civic Center Plaza from development in the Historic District. **Charles Bennett,** Environmental Science Associates discussed the analytical methods used to assess the Proposition K shadow effects on Civic Center Plaza that would result from the full development of potential sites in the Civic Center Historic

District. Mr. Bennett explained the approach to the study's preliminary findings for input from the Commission regarding their suggestions for improving the study or refining its scope.

Commissioner Chin asked if the Commission was proposing a new maximum total allowable shadow on Civic Center Plaza. **General Manager Goldstein** stated that the Department would be getting these types of projects incrementally and wanted to provide the Commission with the context of what was needed to approve projects for the Civic Center Plaza District.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

General Manager Goldstein gave a brief introduction to this item and introduced **Brenda Lopez** the Director of DCYF.

Brenda Lopez, Director for the Department of Children Youth and Their Families presented to the Commission the first round of findings and recommendations that emerged from the new Childrens's Fund assessment/allocation process mandated by Proposition D. **Ms. Lopez** spoke about: 1) key facts of Proposition D, 2) benchmarks, 3) CNA process and questions, 4) evaluation indicators directly relevant to the Recreation and Parks Department, 5) findings from the Controller's Office 2002 Citizen's Survey, 6) overall recommendations 7) funded programs and 8) timeline. **Commissioner Bonilla** asked Ms. Lopez to explain the definition of a parent. **Ms. Lopez** explained that this process included every definition of a parent. The Commission thanked **Ms. Lopez** for a very informative presentation.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Gary Hoy presented this item to award five as-needed consultant contracts for architectural services. The five firms and corresponding contract amounts are as follows: 1) Paulett Taggard Architects/Mark Cavagnero Associates $800,000, 2) Carey & Co., Inc. $700,000, 3) Lemanski & Rockwell Architects, Inc. $600,000, 4) DEV Architects/KAPPE + DU Architects $500,000, and 5) KK Architects $400,000.

At the request of Recreation and Park staff, the Department of Public Works (DPW) went through a public process to advertise a "Request for Qualifications" for as-needed architectural and engineering services for capital improvement projects under the Neighborhood Parks Bond Program. The Department of Public Works has first right of refusal to provide design services for projects under the bond program; however, if they turn down the work, a consultant architectural firm must be hired to provide the design services. The process to hire a consultant, whether for a specific project, or on an as-needed basis, usually takes approximately six months. Having a number of as-needed contracts for architectural services in place helps to expedite projects from concept phase through design to award for construction.

Commissioner Murray asked if selecting a firm before the projects are identified was a new process. **Gary Hoy** explained that the approval process is new for the Commission, previously if DPW could not do the project they went through the process of finding the contractor and the Department would use the contractor chosen by DPW.

Commissioner Murray asked Gary to explain 1) how the allocations were distributed among the specific contractors, 2) length this authorization would be valid and 3) how the Commissioners would be advised of the progress of a project relative to amount used by each vendor. **Gary How** explained the allocations were based on the firms rankings and qualifications from the interview process. He also stated that authorization would be valid for three years and felt that the projects would consume the budget within the next six months. Last, he stated the Commission would be updated immediately when service orders for each vendors has reached seventy percent of there maximum. **Commissioner Murray** suggested to add the proposed projects to the current project status monthly report.

Commissioner Martin asked staff whether the firms are local, an explanation of the new process to approve future projects, and if these five firms were limited to the five projects listed.

Gary How explained that the firms are local and certified by the Human Rights Commission and he also described the selection process used by HRC and DPW to award the five top ranked firms. **General Manager Goldstein** further explained the Department submitted an RFP since DPW and the Department's staff did not have the capacity to take on these contracts. **Gary Hoy** explained the firms were not limited to the listed projects but could be used for any projects and would provide a forecast how we proceed. **Commissioner Chin** stated that the Commission should be informed when awarding projects either in-house or contracted out.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0206-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award five as-needed consultant contracts for architectural services. The five firms and corresponding contract amounts are as follows: 1) Paulett Taggard Architects/Mark Cavagnero Associates $800,000, 2) Carey & Co., Inc. $700,000, 3) Lemanski & Rockwell Architects, Inc. $600,000, 4) DEV Architects/KAPPE + DU Architects $500,000, and 5) KK Architects $400,000.

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission for approval to have a one-day free concert and festival at the Joseph L. Alioto Piazza. The event will function as a non-profit 501.C status. She explained to the Commission at the Parks and Planning Committee meeting the producers had been ask to provide a detailed organizational plan since this was a first time event. Stephanie Tucker provided the Commission with a document detailing the event.

Commission Murray suggested that since the document had not been reviewed that Commissioner Bonilla review the document with a recommendation.

The Commission continued to the next item while the document is being reviewed.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Dan Mauer presented this item to the Commission. The Recreation and Park Department recently received a proposal from the skating community suggesting several improvements be made to the 6th Avenue skate area in Golden Gate Park. These improvements are 1) widening the existing asphalt skating area to the west approximately 22 feet, 2) remove the crowned area and various surface deficiencies by resurfacing the entire area to achieve a smooth, even surface with positive drainage to the northern most catch basin, 3) re-establish and expand the turf mound located on the south side between the skate area and pedestrian pathway on JFK Drive, 4) raise the subsurface utility vault to finish grade, and 5) install new benches along the western edge of the skate area. The benches will not be implemented at this time but be provided to the community as future gifts to the Department. Staff conducted a public meeting and found the community was in favor of the proposed improvements. In an effort to augment the costs incurred, the Concourse Authority has agreed to use a portion of funds provided under Proposition J, section 8 for various pedestrian and recreation programs in Golden Gate Park. If approved, the anticipated start date would be November 2002.

Chris Duderstadt representing the Skate, Ground Sports, and Kezar Advisory Committees, stated support for the proposed improvements to the 6th Avenue skating area in Golden Gate Park.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0206-017**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for 6th

Avenue skating area in Golden Gate Park.

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA (Continued)

Commissioner Bonilla stated that the document was not a detailed organizational plan. **Ms. Tucker** stated that she would provide a more detailed organization plan acceptable to the Commission. **General Manager Goldstein** suggested that the Commission approve this item subject to the review of the organizational plan for this event.

On motion of **Commissioner Bonilla**, seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0206-016**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Committee for the 35th Anniversary of the Summer of Love's request for a Multicultural and multigenerational music, dance, ritual, poetry, theatre, arts and crafts, children activities and sales of food, non-alcoholic beverages and beer and wine on Sunday, October 13, 2002, contingent upon the General Manager working with the producers, to develop an effective organizational plan specified by the Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS - ADVERTISING AND NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission to approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the terms and conditions of an Advertising and Naming Rights Agreement for the Stadium at Candlestick Point.

The City and County of San Francisco, acting by and through its Recreation and Park Commission ("City"), owns, operates and mantains the Stadium. The City and the 49ers have entered into that certain Stadium Lease dated December 3, 1969, as amended (the "Stadium Lease expires May 31, 2008 (excluding renewal options granted thereunder to the 49ers).

Pursuant to the Stadium Lease with the 49ers, the City has certain maintenance and repair obligations at the Stadium. During these difficult budget times, in order to minimize the amount of General Fund dollars spent on capital repairs and replacements for the Stadium, the Parties have explored means of maximizing the Stadium's marketing revenue-generating potential to pay for some of the repairs in the Stadium, over the remaining term of the Stadium Lease. The Stadium's two principal sources of marketing revenues are the Scoreboards and Signage Advertising and Naming Rights.

History of Prior Scoreboards and Signage Agreements

- May 1, 2001: After the expiration of the City's first contract regarding the purchase, use and operation of the Scoreboard and Signage with the Sony Corporation, the City and the 49ers entered into a one year agreement granting the 49ers the exclusive right to operate and sell advertising apce on the Scoreboards and Signage in exchange for the 49ers' payment to City of a use fee and 49ers' performance of certain necessary repairs to the Stadium on the City's behalf (the "Original Scoreboard Agreement", Commission Resolution #0104-058).

- January 31, 2002: The Original Scoreboard Agreement expired.

History of Prior Naming Rights Agreements

- January 31, 1996: The City and the 49ers entered into an Agreement to Sell Naming Rights (the "Original Naming Rights Agreement", Commission Resolution #9602-042, Board of Supervisors Resolution #213-96).

- Junary 31, 2000 the Original Naming Rights Agreement is amended (Commission Resolution 0002-027, Board of Supervisors Resolution #319-00).

- The Original Naming Rights Agreement granted the 49ers the right to affix to the Stadium the name and/or logo of a sponsoring company, and related advertising opportunities.

- The January 31, 2002: The Original Naming Rights Agreement expired.

- February 21, 2002: The Recreation and Park Commission authorized the 49ers to pursue naming rights opportunities on behalf of the City (Commission Resolution #0202-007).

Basic Terms Of The Proposed New Stadium Marketing Agreement:

1. Term. The term of the Agreement would begin upon approval by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, and continue until the expiration of Stadium Lease on May 31, 2008 (the "Scoreboard Term") or any subsequent extensions of the Stadium Lease.

2. Operation and Maintenance. During the Term, the 49ers would have the sole responsibility for operating, maintaining and repairing the Scoreboards and Signage related to the Naming Rights, as detailed in the attached agreement (see Exhibit A).

3. Marketing Rights. The 49ers would have the exclusive right to sell advertising space on or related to the Scoreboards and Signage and the Naming rights for the entire Term. The identity of the Naming Rights sponsor would be subject to the prior approval of the City. The appearance of key Naming Rights signage would be subject to the prior approval of the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department (the "General Manager"). Changes in the location or requests for additional locations of Naming Rights signage, would require the prior approval of the General Manager.

4. Revenue Allocation. Stadium and Signage revenues and Naming Rights revenues would be separately allocated as follows:

· Naming Rights Use Fee. Net Naming Rights Revenues would be split between the City and the 49ers 50-50.

· Gross revenues generated from the sale of advertising on or related to the Scoreboards and Signage ("Scoreboards and Signage Gross Revenues") would be allocated annually as follows:

(a) Costs. The 49ers would be entitled to retain from annual Scoreboards and Signage Gross Revenues certain costs incurred by the 49ers in connection with the Scoreboards and Signage, to the extent such costs are reasonable and have been actually incureed by the 49ers (the "Operating Costs"). These costs would subject to a cap of $340,000. This amount would be increased annually by four percent (4%).

(b) Commission. The 49ers would be entitled to commissions as follows:

Gross Scoreboard and Signage Revenues	Commission
Up to $1,500,000	15%
$1,500,001 to $2,000,000	18%
Over $2,000,000	20%

(c) Advertising Use Fee. The 49ers would pay the City an annual fee of $625,000 for the right to sell advertising on the Scoreboards and Signage. This amount would be increased annually by four percent (4%).

(d) Capital Repairs. In addition, revenues remaining after the payment of Operating Costs, Commissions and the City's use fee shall be used by the 49ers for repairs at the

Stadium, which repairs shall be mutually designated by the Parties. If there are any unused funds left in the account at the end of the Term, seventy-five percent (75%) will be returned to the City and twenty-five percent (25%) to the 49ers.

5. Early Termination Fee. In the event that the 49ers terminate their tenancy at the Stadium for any reason other than to move to another locations within the City prior to the expiration of the Stadium Lease term on May 31, 2008, without the prior written consent of City, the 49ers would be required to pay to the City as an early termination fee as follows:

Years Remaining in Initial Term	Termination Fee as a % of City's Average Yearly Revenue from Naming Rights
6	100%
5	83.3%
4	66.6%
3	50%
2	33.3%
1	16.6%

The final terms and conditions of the agreement are subject to the final approval of the Board of Supervisors. The final stadium name is subject to the approval of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Financial Impact: For illustrative purposes only, if first year Gross Scoreboard and Signage Revenue is $2,700,000 and Net Naming Rights Revenue is $3,000,000. The City will receive $625,000 in Advertising Use Fees, plus $551,000 in improvements to the Stadium, plus $1,500,000 in Naming Rights Use Fees or a total of $2,676,000 in economic benefits.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain Exhibit B, the Stadium Advertising Revenue and revenue sales of suites. **Jaci Fong** explained Exhibit B, the total costs from the gross scoreboard and signage revenue and the total profit to the 49ers. **Jaci Fong** also explained that the revenue from the sales of suites was never part of the proposal.

Commissioner Murray asked if the totals on line items D through F are fixed as to the percentages of revenue, which implies that the profit items are fixed to their percentages of revenue so you would not have to wait for the season to end to wait for reconciliation. **Jaci Fong** explained that as part of the negotiation disbursement of payment would be at the end.

Commissioner Murray had questions regarding the advertising revenue: 1) is there a fixed date for payments received, 2) are the interest and investment earnings kept in this fund, 3) who holds the money and 4) how is the money disbursed? **Amy Brown** from the City Attorney's office explained that there is a fixed date on payments received and is held in a joint account. The money is then disbursed during the year for capital repairs and at end there if there is money left over it will be dispersed.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain how payments will be made to the Department when a third party is involved. **Amy Brown** explained the payments are date certain and not dependent to third party and the Department is the first recipient after the payments cost are netted out.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the terms and conditions of an Advertising and Naming Rights Agreement for the Stadium at Candlestick Point (the "Stadium"), formerly known as 3Com. **RES. NO.**

0206-018

PARCEL 4

Keith Kawamura presented this item to the Commission for approval of construction contract change orders for Parcel 4 Dunes Restoration Project totaling $53,371.00 which exceed over 32% construction budget.

Parcel 4 is located at the northeast intersection of Balboa Street and the Great Highway. The Recreation and Park Department has scheduled the undeveloped area to undergo renovation this year that the Commission approved in January 1997. Important elements of the development include dune restorations and a raised boardwalk to allow pedestrian to travel across the site.

The original construction contract was approved with the understanding that there would be sand available from Golden Gate Park for restoring the dunes on Parcel 4. During construction, it was discovered that this stockpiled sand had been used for other projects and was therefore no longer available.

The original project required the importing of sand at $32.00/ton. Change Order No. 1 was prepared calling for the importing of an additional 1,500 tons of sand to replace the non-available GGP sand. Change Order No. 2 for $4,581.00 addresses the extra work needed to replace broken concrete sidewalks, install perimeter post and cable fencing as a barrier to cars, and removal of existing buried debris. Funding of this project will come from the Open Space Fund, $170,000, General Fund, $100,000 and a grant for $100,000 from the Friends of Recreation and Park.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve change orders totaling $53,371.00 to the construction contract for Parcel 4 Dunes Restoration project. **RES. NO. 0206-019**

KOSHLAND PARK

Marvin Yee presented this item for the Commission to award a contract to Johnson Western Gunite Company for structural upgrade to the perimeter retaining walls.

Koshland Park is located in the Hayes Valley District at Page and Buchanan Streets. The Recreation and Park Commission had approved a renovation plan in several areas of the park, which have been completed. The renovation plan included the structural upgrade of the perimeter retaining walls, which is to be done as a separate project. The structural upgrade is a tieback retaining wall system that involves anchoring the existing retaining walls to the rocky sub-base of the site with metal rods.

The Department of Public Works received five (5) competitive bids and estimated the project to cost $270,200. The Human Rights Commission has certified that Johnson Western Gunite Company submitted the lowest responsible bid for $224,600. Johnson Western Gunite Company is a non-M/W/LBE firm located in San Leandro and has been in the concrete and general construction industry for over 65 years and is qualified to carry out this contract.

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Johnson Western Gunite Company for the amount of $224,600 for the structural upgrade of the perimeter retaining walls. **RES. NO. 0206-020**

KEZAR STADIUM

Jim Jackson presented this item to the Commission. Mr. Dennis Lutkins promoter for Premier Soccer Productions' request to produce an International Soccer event at Kezar Stadium on Tuesday, July 23, 2002. The anticipated attendance at this event if between 6,000 - 10,000. At last weeks meetings the Kezar Advisory Board did not have the opportunity to review Mr. Lutkin's the transportation plan. At the recommendation of the Commission a meeting was held to resolve the transportation issues.

Dorrie Huntington, Chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee explained that the promoter did not have a workable transportation management plan consistent with the Recreation and Parks Resolution #16191. The Advisory Committee's motion recommends the Commission deny the request for a permit. **Jeff Wilkins** stated that the transportation plan was inappropriate for a large event. **Calvin Welch** stated to the Commission that the Department should be well informed of the process for large events. **Chris Duderstadt,** support this item stating that he helped the promoter revise a new transportation plan presented to the Commission today. **General Manager Goldstein** stated that the issues raised were not resolved and could not recommend the Commission go forward. The Commission had concerns for the staff's planning process for requesting permits involving transportation of large events as stated in Resolution #16191.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Martin** the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does deny the request to produce an International Soccer event on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Kezar Stadium, Frederick and Willard Streets.

RES. NO. 0206-021

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

August 15, 2002

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, August 15, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 15, 2002 at 2:15 p.m. by President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Larry Martin

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Bill Getty

Commissioner Murray announced that item 9 was removed from the general calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

About 200 community members attended four Capital Plan Update Community Workshops this late July. The Workshops were held in four quadrants of the city - at Sunset, Hamilton, and SoMa recreation centers and at the Southeast Community Facility. The Recreation and Park Department, in close cooperation with the District Park Planning Program of the Neighborhood Parks Council, has done a tremendous job reaching out to the public. More than 4,000 notices were mailed out to city residents, community activists, supervisorial aids, and public libraries. The notices were posted

at the recreation and park facilities, in neighborhood newsletters, local newspapers, and on the RPD Web site. The Neighborhood Park Council made more than 800 calls.

Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee set four objectives for the Capital Plan Update Community Workshops, which were to:

1. Make the public familiar with the recreation and park capital improvement projects in each supevisorial district.

2. Make the public aware of core issues and values surrounding capital improvement projects.

3. Hear from the public about specific land and facility needs in each district.

4. Hear from the public about their priorities for capital improvement projects.

Participants were encouraged to provide individual written comments on community issues, values, needs, and priorities surrounding capital improvement projects in their communities. Participants also took part in group discussions and presentations.

The Recreation and Park Department staff, in cooperation with the Neighborhood Park Council, have summarized the individual public comment and transcribed the group presentations from each Workshop. These materials are (or will be available shortly) on the RPD web site. This fall, all issues, values, needs, and priorities will be reviewed by PROSAC and presented before the Park Recreation Commission for voting on the final Revised Capital Plan.

Thank you to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, the District Park Planning Program of the Neighborhood Parks Council, and the Capital Improvement Division of the Recreation and Park Department for sponsoring and facilitating this significant public input into the Department's Capital Program.

The Stadium at Candlestick Point

The National Football League through the San Francisco 49ers has conducted a security evaluation of the Stadium at Candlestick Park. They have requested several improvements to the infrastructure as well as modifications to the policies currently in place. The majority of the security issues have been or are being addressed by our staff. However, they have requested that two road closures occur during the entire football season.

The first closure, Giants Drive at Ingerson will be closed during the season to prohibit unauthorized vehicles coming into close proximity of the stadium. Giants Drive is on the Department's property and a combination of swing gates and barricades will be installed in the very near future. The second closure, Jamestown Avenue adjacent to Gate B has also been identified to be closed, however this is a public right-of-way and will require the issuance of a major encroachment permit by the Department of Public Works with a subsequent review by the Board of Supervisors. At the September full Commission meeting, staff will present a comprehensive review of the security measures currently in place and the proposed road closures.

During the first two months of the Department's pilot Recycling Program (active at five neighborhood parks), recycling has gone from less than 1% to over 14%. Public and staff participation is increasing weekly with the goal of reaching 50% recycling by the end of the fiscal year. The program has two distinct goals, reducing park waste entering landfills and reducing the annual $1.2 million annual waste fees.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

Receipt of a $1,320 donation for the benefit of the Visitacion Valley Greenway Project from Mercy Housing California. This donation is made specifically for the Greenway Project as an approved mitigation to the filling of isolated wetlands at a site that is being developed into affordable housing.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

Project Insight will conduct an overnight camping trip to Napa for thirteen teenagers who are blind or otherwise visually impaired, August 13 - 16, 2002.

Awards and Honors:

Deedee Workman called to tell us that the Pioneer Park Project has been selected for one of SFBeautiful's Beautification awards to be given at their annual dinner October 30 at the Mark Hopkins! Nice to be noticed so well!

General Manager Goldstein gave the Legislative Update:

· The 49ers Naming Agreement. The Department would like to go back to the Board of Supervisors with more detail to the naming agreement so they understand other parameters of the deal.

· Supervisor Yee introduced two resolutions on the Natural Areas Program. They were heard at the Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors on Monday.

· The Glen Park Grant from the California Coastal Conservancy was passed out of Neighborhood Services and Parks.

· Supervisor Yee introduced the Commission's adopted Citywide Dog Policy in ordinance form. There was a hearing last week Thursday. He introduced at the hearing substantial amendments to this policy. It will need to go back to the Neighborhood Services and Parks Committee for another hearing because of the substantial changes between the original ordinance and the substitute ordinance.

Marybeth Wallace, Vice Chair, PROSAC, gave a report to the Commission regarding the Draft Capital Plan. During the months of July and August PROSAC worked with staff and the Neighborhood Parks Council to convene four community meetings throughout San Francisco. The purpose of the meetings was to solicit public input into Recreation and Park's Draft Capital Plan as mandated. Neighborhood Parks Council opened each meeting, followed by a presentation on the Draft Capital Plan by Gary Hoy and his staff. Over 200 members of the community participated in the meetings (excluding staff).

Participants were then grouped by district and PROSAC members facilitated interactive workshops. Staff was available to answer questions when necessary. Many of the concerns expressed by the public during the workshops related to park operations or maintenance. These comments have been communicated to staff for follow-up.

In the workshops, there was discussion about district core values regarding land use, facilities and citywide concerns. Each group then reviewed and prioritized their district's draft capital projects. All comments were recorded for district group

presentations at the end of the meeting.

The workshops resulted in 48 pages of public comment that will be used for a final summary to be distributed to the Commission as soon as it is available. PROSAC will discuss the summary at its September meeting and make recommendations at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Murray requested that the Commission receive PROSAC's report seven days prior to the meeting for review.

General Manger Goldstein spoke to the Commission about the Julius Kahn M.O.U. that will be heard at the Recreation and Park Commission meeting in September.

Dan McKenna spoke on Harding Park Golf Course and stated that the work was going well and on schedule.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0208-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the July 18, 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend
a grant from the National Park Foundation of 15 Th!nk vehicles valued at approximately $105,000.

RES. NO. 0208-002

GENERAL CALENDAR

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Kathy How presented this item to the Commission. It was a recommendation by staff to reject all bids and approve the re-advertisement for construction documents for the Africa! Savanna project at the San Francisco Zoo. As part of the San Francisco Zoo Master Plan, Phase II the design for the Africa Savanna project as recently completed. This project provides for new animal habitats for giraffe, zebra, eland nyala, and other African mammals and birds. Site improvements include extensive landscaping, guest pathways and observation shelters. New animal management facilities include a hoofed animal barn and giraffe barn. The project was advertised on May 15, 2002 and construction bids were received and opened on July 3, 2002.

In an effort to pre-qualify contractors to bid on the construction contract, Department of Public Works (DPW) staff issued a "Request for Qualifications". Six qualification packages were submitted. A panel consisting of one DPW staff and one Zoological Society staff determined that four of the six contractors, three submitted construction bids for Africa! Savanna. There have been two bond sales to date. A third bond sale originally scheduled for spring this year has been postponed to mid-September, with close of sale approximately October 1, 2002. Award of construction contract for Africa! Savanna requires interest from bond funds ($2.2 million), as well as funds from the third bond sales ($5.4 million).

Three bids were received for the project. HRS reviewed the proposals and found the two lowest bidders failed to meet the HRC 12% MBE/WBE sub-contract goals (combined goal). The third bid appears to meet the sub-contract goal but substantially exceeded the project budget by over a $1million dollars. Their proposal was not reviewed by HRC.

Because the two lowest bidders were found non-responsive, and the third bidder exceeded the project budget, staff recommended that all bids be rejected and the project be re-bid. It is apparent that the HRC goals can be met as evidenced by the third bid. HRC will work with the other pre-qualified bidders to help them achieve those goals during the re-bid. The project will be slightly delayed as a result, but the Controller cannot certify the Contract until the third bond sale has closed in October 2002.

Commissioner Chin asked staff if the re-bid would effect the schedule of the Savanna project. Kathy How explained that the schedule would not be effected since the Controller cannot certify the Contract until the third bond sale has closed in October.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Martin the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids and approve re-advertise of the construction documents for the Africa! Savanna project at the San Francisco Zoo.

EUREKA VALLEY RECREATION CENTER'S GYMNASIUM

Dan McKenna presented this item to the Commission to rename the Eureka Valley Recreation Center's Gymnasium the Mark Bingham Gymnasium.

Pursuant to the Recreation and Park Commission policy (Sections 1 & 2a) on naming and or changing the designation of facilities (amended January 17, 1991 by Resolution No. 15904, and last amended January 20, 1994 by Resolution No. 16822), states:

> · It shall be the policy of the Commission not to change the name of any existing recreation and park facility, particularly one whose name has City or National significance, unless there are the most extraordinary circumstances of the City or National interest and no other new facility can so be designated. and
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> · A deceased person who has made significant contributions to the City and/or the Recreation and Park Department and has not been previously honored in a meaningful way by the City.

This proposal addresses the Commission policy in the following manner:

The gymnasium at Eureka Valley Recreation Center currently has not been distinguished by a particular name. Mr. Mark Bingham, a resident of San Francisco and frequent visitor at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center spent many hours playing in the Center's gymnasium and participated in many of the recreation center's basketball leagues. During the tragedy of September 11, 2001, it is believed that Mr. Mark Bingham demonstrated the highest level of valor and heroism by sacrificing his life during a struggle with terrorists for control of a plane that was targeting citizens in Washington D.C. Mr. Bingham's as well as his fellow passenger's actions during the ill-fated United Airlines Flight 93 galvanized the nation in a patriotic movement again terrorism and therefore is consistent with the Commission's Policy.

In response to Mr. Bingham's actions, the Department received several requests to name a park facility in his honor. The Department conducted a survey to gauge the community's sentiments related to a proposed naming. Over 500 surveys were distributed to the immediate community. The survey asked if the entire Recreation Center should be renamed or if the gymnasium alone should be named after Mark Bingham. One hundred and sixty-two responses were received, with one hundred and five respondents favoring the naming of the gymnasium after Mark Bingham.

Chuck Ayala spoke in support of naming the gymnasium after Mark Bingham.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of Eureka Valley Recreation Center's Gymnasium the Mark Bingham Gymnasium.

UNION SQUARE PROJECT

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission requesting approval of a Supplemental Maintenance Agreement for Union Square with Uptown Parking Corporation.

Union Square officially reopened to the public on July 25, 2002. Funding for the renovation was provided by bonds issued by the Uptown Parking Corporation. The Department is budgeted to provide the same level of service as before the renovation; one gardener and one custodian. It is the City's goal to maintain the new Square in the best possible condition. Under the terms of an MOU between the City and Uptown Parking, Uptown will supplement the Department's maintenance efforts to assure that the Square is kept up to a high standard.

Uptown is proposing to hire KTB Management Group, the operators of Yerba Buena Gardens, to provide supplemental maintenance. Their general duties would be additional cleaning, security, inspecting and communicating any problems to RPD, and facilitating special events.

The estimated costs of supplemental maintenance, event oversight and security would be $183,000, to be funded by the Uptown Parking Corporation.

Commissioner Murray asked staff if the insurance limit of $1,000,000 was accurate. Mike Morlin explained that the $1,000,000 insurance limit is standard for a group with a permit. Mary McCue representing KTB Management Group explained to the Commission that KTB would be bringing into Union Square Park a $20,000,000 general liability policy and the Department would be named insured.

Ernestine Weiss asked staff if: 1) KTB Management Group would take over the entire management of Union Square Park and 2) the details of KTB's responsibilities. General Manager Goldstein explained the Department would have ongoing maintenance responsibilities in the park with two staff members, a gardener and custodian dedicated full time to Union Square Park. The Department would continue to supply support in terms of ongoing structural maintenance work, plumbing, electricity etc. as well as permits and reservations. She further explained that KTB's work is a supplement to the Department and they will go beyond what the Department can provide, for instance security.

Commissioner Murray stated that this item would be approved with two amendments: 1) the Department is the named insured in the $20,000,000 general

liability policy and 2) subject to the General Manager's review of KTB's procedures.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Bonilla the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the proposed Annual Supplemental Park Work Plan and select KTB Management Group to provide services.

LINCOLN AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE

Gary Hoy presented this item to the Commission requesting it reject all construction bids for irrigation improvements at the Lincoln and Sharp Park Golf Course.

The Department with the assistance of the Department of Public Works solicited construction bids for the Lincoln & Sharp Park Golf Course Irrigation Improvements and received two competitive respondents both of which submitted bids under the engineer's construction estimate. Unfortunately, both contractors failed to meet the required Human Rights Commission (HRC) subcontracting goals, which were set at 3% of the project's construction cost.

On the advice of the City Attorney's office, staff recommends that the Commission reject all bids so that the City can immediately re-advertise the project. If the Commission agrees to reject the bids and re-advertise the project, HRC has agreed to waive all subcontracting goals for the re-bidding process.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to characterize in detail the type of landscaping the Department would be doing at the Lincoln & Sharp Park Golf Course. Gary Hoy explained that irrigation work would be done by the Department at the Lincoln & Sharp Park Golf Course, which involves installation of branch lines, sprinklers and water controls.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and seconded by Commissioner Prozan the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all construction bids for the Lincoln & Sharp Park Golf Course Irrigation Improvements: Phase II project.

LAKE MERCED

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission to award a contract to Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture in the amount of $862,523 to replace a fishing pier and to improve parking and trails along John Muir Way at Lake Merced.

Lake Merced is located in the southwest quadrant of San Francisco in District 7. In September 2001 the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual improvement plan for the Impound Lake Triangle Project, which contains five distinct project areas. The two highest priority project areas may be implemented with available funds. The three remaining project areas are awaiting funds.

The scope of work for the two highest priority project areas includes:

a. John Muir Way fishing pier - Replace fishing pier that was damaged in past winter storms with a pier that would fluctuate in elevation with the water level, and improve wheelchair access.

b. Parking area on the west side of the Impound Bridge at John Muir Way - Improve vehicular parking design, provide utilities for future inclusion of a restroom structure, install picnic tables and trash receptacles, realign multi-use pathway, and improve landscape.

Six competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. Base bid plus an alternate ranged from $862,523 to $1,392,550, with an average bid of $1,077,619. The DPW engineer's estimate was $1,034,360. Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture submitted the apparent low bid of $862,523.

Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture, a general contracting firm located in San Rafael, California, has performed on various City projects, including Phase 2 of India Basin Shoreline Park for the Recreation and Park Department to its satisfaction.

This contract is subject to Human Rights Commission determination as a compliant contractor.

The sources of funds for this project are from the 1987 Park Bond and the California Coastal Conservancy Grant through the Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Howard Strassner, a member of the Lake Merced Task Force, stated that it is nice the Department is fixing up areas around Lake Merced but hopes this project will not be under water when the lake level is back up. Marvin Yee explained that the Department would be replacing the fishing pier with a pier that would fluctuate in elevation with the water levels.

Commission Lazarus asked staff how this project got prioritized with all the issues and problems at Lake Merced. General Manager Goldstein explained that the division of labor at Lake Merced is complex, the PUC has jurisdiction over the water and lands, and the balance of the site is under the Department's jurisdiction. The Department went through exercises with the community to establish priorities for projects they wanted the Department to pursue. The Department received a substantial commitment from California Coastal Conservancy, which included project to replace the fishing pier and to improve parking and trails along John Muir Way.

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bonilla the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture in the amount of $862,523 to replace a fishing pier and to improve parking and trails along John Muir Way.

UNION SQUARE

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission requesting approval to the show the exhibits of Bruce Chaban, a local artist at Union Square. Red Umbrella would like to do a series of performing arts called Slow Art every Saturday in September where they will be showcasing their art along with a series of performances from the San Francisco Jazz, San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, and San Francisco Opera. The two art pieces that Red Umbrella would like to showcase are the "Link" and "Three Wishes" both weighing over 1,000 pounds.

Staff recommends approval for this project with the following conditions:

1. The San Francisco Art Commission must approve the display of "Link" and "Three Wishes" steel sculptures at Union Square.

2. The structural engineers (Uptown Parking), the Art Commission and Recreation and Park Superintendent will determine the placement of the sculptures.

3. Final approval of written, detailed information pertaining to the installation and anchoring of all structures must be approved by the park Division, Bob Nastor, Area Supervisor, (415) 554-9520, with the following requirements:

a. All structures are to be free standing.

b. No anchor bolts are to be drilled into the concrete.

c. Tent anchors are to be marked as to be highly visible to the public.

d. No structures will be attached to Recreation and Park Property, (i.e. garbage cans, benches, or others.

e. Approved protective pads will be placed between the granite floor and the sculptures.

4. "Red Umbrella" must make arrangements to provide for security for the sculpture from September 6, to September 30, 2002.

5. A $1 million certificate of insurance naming as additionally issued, the City and County of San Francisco and the Recreation and Park Department and its agents, employees and Commissioners, in single limits applying to physical injury, property damage, personal injury. Certificate of insurance must state that the City and County of San Francisco is additionally insured at Union Square from September 6 to September 30, 2002.

Jerry Fresia, representing Red Umbrella, described to the Commission the quality of the art exhibits and advertising that Red Umbrella will be producing. Bruce Chaban presented to the Commission a video demonstration of how the art structure would be moved.

Commissioner Chin asked the organizers if the placement of the art pieces had been determined. Mr. Chaban explained that the art pieces would be placed at the center entrance on either side of the columns.

Commissioner Murray asked Sandy Lee to explain why this item was brought to the Commission. Sandy Lee explained that there were two reasons this item came to the Commission was 1) the size of the art pieces and 2) the art pieces would remain in Union Square overnight from September 5th to the end of the concert.

Commissioner Larazus asked staff if Linda Magellum from the Union Square Association and those who have invested in the rebuilt of Union Square had a chance to review this matter. Linda Magellum representating the Union Square Association spoke to the Commission about how close her organization has been working with the Department for the protection of Union Square. She also spoke about construction meeting and their discussion of the load bearing capacity of the entire plaza. The west side is totally reinforced for bringing in cranes and the east side less so, but it will definitely accommodate the weight of the art pieces and the Union Square Square Association will work with Uptown onsite events management to make sure that the plaza is protected. She stated that the Union Square Association supports Red Umbrella's art exhibits.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and seconded by Commissioner Lazarus the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the exhibit of Bruce Chaban's two large sculptures at Union Square for the Red Umbrella's Slow (art exhibitions and concerts) Saturday shows during the month of September 2002.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT YACHT HARBOR

Items 12 and 13 were heard together.

Commissioner Murray introduced this item as it had been before the Commission for the third time and he wanted to brief the new Commissioners on this project. Staff was requested at the July Finance and Administration Committee meeting to provide the Commission with additional details with regard to: 1) the last three years actuals - revenue and expenses, 2) financial plan projections, 3) the transition plan, 4) boat count and corresponding lengths and 5) next steps including milestones. Commissioner Murray complimented staff particularly Brad Gross, Michael Frank and Kathy How for having work on this over the last month to help give the Commission a full picture of this project. He also stated that this project needed to be done and many people were aware of the poor conditions of the Marina and were looking forward to the improvements.

Kathy How explained to the Commission that if this item was approved to move forward, the Department would complete an engineering feasibility study, and review the scope of work to make reductions if necessary to stay within the project costs.

Brad Gross gave a brief presentation on the renovation for the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor. He spoke about the project needs, the Conceptual Program Components, and the project goals. He explained that after approval of the conceptual renovation program, the next steps of the Department would be to complete an engineering feasibility study, begin an environmental review and apply for state loans.

Commissioner Murray asked Brad Gross to explain why engineering services was listed in his presentation before the preferred alternative. Brad Gross explained the engineering services is listed first to provide more detail on the concept for approval from the Commission today.

Howard Strassner spoke about the needed space for small boats in the Marina. He recommended that the Commission not approved this item unless the proposal included spaces for small boats.

Ron Mulcare a resident of the Marina stated it was premature for the Commission to take action as suggested in item 13 and opposed the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support the Department's application for funding. Mr. Mulcare spoke about the required documentation to submit an application to the State of California of Boating and Waterways. He also spoke about the inadequacies of the Marina seawalls.

Pinky Kushner stated the Sierra Club opposed the Small Craft Harbor Renovation as proposed for the following reasons: 1) breakwaters versus the bay water movement, 2) against more buildings on open space and 3) lack of social equity.

Robert Levine complimented the harbormaster and he supported the plan.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she supported this project because the harbor is sinking into the bay and is the most horrible part of the Parks Department.

Les Goldner, President of the Marina Harbor Tenants Association stated that the organization he represented supported this plan. He spoke about two caveats to their approval: 1) the need for breakwaters and 2) mitigation of the east harbor toxic effects. He also stated his concern that boaters feel that they are being asked to pay for the improvements.

Thomas Hammond stated that he owns a small boat and suggested the Commission approve the direction of the Department to look into the feasibility and environment impact report as two separate items.

Joan Girardot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement Association and a member of the Harbor Advisory Committee stated that she agreed with Mr. Mulcare in that it is premature to discuss item 13 when the Department does not have the required documentation to submit an application. Ms. Girardot spoke on item 12, stating that staff has dismissed all their concerns so for the record the two organizations she represented opposes the proposed plan because of environmental concerns to building any breakwaters in the harbor. They would like the Commission to: 1) require a full EIR, 2) ask that an alternative plan be evaluated without breakwaters and removal of the degaussing station, and 3) to support boaters with their request for the least expensive alternative plan to be identified and evaluated.

Ariel Poler resident of San Francisco stated his support of this plan and Brad Gross. He spoke about the importance of moving forward with this plan for safety given that the harbor is falling apart. He stated that he did not agree that not all-larger boats are owned by the rich, that San Francisco has one of the most active sailing fleets in the world and should have a Marina that is consistent with that.

Courtney Clarkson, Chair of the Recreation and Park Harbor Advisory Committee, stated that the advisory committee has been meeting for over four years and at that time the estimated cost to renovate the Marina was $15 million. Now the Department is looking at $35 million. The advisory committee supports this plan, because without an approval of the conception plan you can not move on to the next step and if approved all environmental concerns will be studied and answered. Ms. Clarkson also stated the harbor is seriously deteriorated and something has to be done now.

Norman Pearce a San Francisco resident and boat owner stated that he supports the renovation of the deteriorating waterfront especially since more people from the general public are choosing to own boats.

Irwin White, representing small boat sailors stated that he supports staff on this project. He spoke about sailing on the San Francisco Bay in a small boat and recommended keeping as many small berths as possible.

Gloria Fontanello, member of the Advisory Board, active in Marina, founder of the Marina Neighborhood Association and sits on the Board of Civic Improvement and Property Owners, stated the organizations she represents were in support of getting the harbor repaired and being enjoyed by everyone. She spoke about their concerns regarding the breakwater issues, the degaussing station and an added concern, ADA accessibility for the restrooms.

Emeric Kalman, spoke about the meetings he attended and the technical and administrative documentation he reviewed on file and available to the public. He felt the public was not notified about: 1) the elimination of the small berths, 2) the

increase of berth fees and 3) the new construction facility allowing motorized vessels access to the harbor. He recommended that the Commission reject this plan so the public can be involved in the planning and design of this project. He also spoke about the need to maintain the harbor but felt spending $35 million was an exaggeration.

Commissioner Murray stated that public comment was closed and asked staff to answer the public's concerns on new and old issues. He asked staff to summarize the change and configuration of small boats versus large boats. Brad Gross explained that the Department would not be eliminating small boats, but would change the configuration and sizes of the berths. He furthered explained the trends in the industry were moving towards larger berths and the smaller boats will be moving to dry storage. Commissioner Chin asked Brad Gross to clarify that the dry storage space conceived in the plan is sufficient to accommodate smaller boats currently and in the future. Brad Gross explained that the plan would accommodate the current smaller boats using the 20-foot berths and in the future he would like to explore areas for additional dry storage space. Commissioner Murray asked about the hoist that can move boats in and out of the water. Brad Gross explained that the hoist is inoperative and is included in the plan to be repaired.

Commissioner Murray asked Brad Gross to speak about dry storage issues: 1) how will the boats be moved to dry storage area, specifically how will the boats be taken out of the water and 2) how much space is available in dry storage. Brad Gross explained that by comparing each boat in the Marina now to the number of boats in the future it was determined that there was not enough space to accommodate 20-foot and 35-foot berths. Currently, in the plan there are two dozen spaces outlined at the hoist area and a dozen outlined at St. Francis Yacht Club area. He further explained that issues regarding dry boat storage will be answered in the formal engineering report. Brad Gross stated that if the proposal was approved today the Department should have a new and improved modern facility in February 2009.

Commissioner Lazarus asked Brad Gross to discuss a waitlist and if it listed the requested berth length. Brad Gross explained that there are 500 people on the waiting list, it is divided by size and 85 percent of the requests are for berths 30-feet and over.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain the timing of the application in relationship to the application to the State for financing. Brad Gross explained the material needed in advance to submit an application to the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways were: 1) a formal engineering study, 2) a feasibility financial study and 3) a draft environmental study. He also explained that an approval is needed from the Board of Supervisors before the Department can submit an application for financing.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain the phasing of the project and when environmental review will take place. Kathy How explained a concept plan is needed in order for the environmental review to occur and an approval from the Board of Supervisors to apply for the loan. Commissioner Chin asked staff to explain 1) when the EIR work would start, 2) if the Planning Department was ultimately responsible for the EIR and 3) if the Department would have input into how the Planning Department defines project alternatives. Kathy How explained the EIR process would start next month and the Planning Department is responsible for the EIR. Gary How explained the Department will be putting together a proposed project and in that application there will be alternatives that will be addressed which will include a Marina without breakwaters and a no project project. Commissioner Lazarus stated that this process is a major issue and the Commission should be involved in reviewing the Planning Department's project alternatives. Commissioner Murray stated that the Department has detailed financial information with a ten or twenty year projection available for

the public.

Commissioner Murray stated that he had four old issues that he asked staff to address: 1) the degaussing station, 2) the breakwaters, 3) the sand mining /surge and 4) the square footage of the development that is under the preferred alternative proposal in terms of buildings. Brad Gross explained to the Commission that there have been different alternatives, which have been presented to the public and advisory committees, the Department has been concentrating on these issues and answers to these specific questions would be addressed in the formal engineering study that is being done. Commissioner Murray asked if staff could address the square footage in the proposal versus the square footage that exist today for buildings. Brad Gross explained that if the Department was not able to use the PUC building, the proposed maintenance facility, and four additional bathrooms the net additional square footage is 1,600 square feet.

General Manager Goldstein spoke about the history of the degaussing station. She stated when the Navy turn over degaussing station to the Department there was a specific amount of time that the Navy obligated themselves to remove it, the Commission deliberated and voted against the removal. She explained that the degaussing station could be removed, but at the expense of the Department.

Commissioner Murray reconfirmed that the breakwaters, sand mining and surge issues would be addressed in the formal engineering study.

Commissioner Bonilla questioned if there would be an opportunity to look at the issue of removing the degaussing station if this concept was approved. Commissioner Murray explained that the preferred alternative will be subject to further review and there will an opportunity to voice concerns on specific issues. Commission Bonilla spoke about the letter submitted by the GGNRA indicating that they want to partner in this process regarding impact issues and asked staff to explained how the Department intends to partner with the GGNRA with respect to the impact issues. Kathy How explained the GGNRA looks to the Army Corp as their engineering consultant. The Department will need to get permits from the Army Corp so they would have to approve the final alternative.

Commissioner Lazarus spoke about his concerns regarding the environmental issues and the Marina seawalls. Kathy How spoke about the history of the seawalls. She stated that five years ago the Public Works Department estimated the cost to repair the seawall was $2 million and the PUC stated even if the seawall was repaired it was not going to protect everything on the other side of it and in the event of a major earthquake the seawall would move as a unit out toward the water. General Manager Goldstein stated that the Department would initiate a conversation with other City departments to investigate whether they have any interested in making additional improvements beyond what the Department would do and give the Commission feedback on reaction of the other City departments.

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Lazarus the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve conceptual Renovation Program for the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Yacht Harbor and direct the Recreation and Park Department staff to initiate the environmental review process for the proposed program.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT YACHT HARBOR

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Bonilla the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0208-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors take appropriate action to support the Recreation and Park Department's application for funding from the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss voiced her irritation with the fields being ruined at Block 201.

Thomas Hammond stated that the Commission just raised the rents for tenants at the harbor by approving the last item and recommended the Commission revisit the concept that rent should not be raised until there is a new harbor.

Paul Nathan, Professional Entertainer, Street Performer in San Francisco, stated while performing recently at Union Square he was informed by the San Francisco Police that it was a requirement to have a permit to perform and permits are provided by the Recreation and Park Department. He spoke to Sandy Lee and she gave him a list of all the different permits and none were appropriate for a street-performer. He stated that street performing was a tradition in San Francisco and asked the Commission if a permit could be created specifically for street-performers. He had two suggestions for the permit: 1) reasonable fees for a serious artist and 2) require insurance using Pier 39 as a guide.

Commissioner Murray asked the General Manager to include Mr. Nathan's concern for a street-performing permit in the next General Manager's report. General Manager Goldstein stated that this issue has been talked about internally and will sort it out and come back to the Commission with a policy, but the major problem with this issue is solicitation, which is illegal in parks.

Emeric Kalman apologized to Commissioner Murray and asked the Commission to designate a City Attorney to investigate and look to into the Marina project process that was just approved because according to charter codes the process was broken.

Commissioner Murray stated that the Commission would not direct the City Attorney to take any action and if Mr. Kalman had any questions regarding the process he encouraged him to put them in writing to General Manager Goldstein.

Reola Freeman stated that she wanted to thank Dan McKenna for nominating her in 2000 to work with the City Juniors. She spoke about the City Juniors she trained with Dan McKenna at Harding Park to compete in Newark, New Jersey and won. She also spoke about the privilege of being selected by Leon Gilmore from the First Tee.

General Manager Goldstein explained to the new Commissioners that the Department sent 105 athletes to the US Youth Games in Newark, New Jersey this year including a full team for golf. She stated that the athletes were fabulous and brought home gold, silver and bronze medals.

Joan Girardot spoke about public uses for the public shoreline in the Marina. She stated that when the State deeded it to the City they listed five purposes: 1) aquatic, 2) recreational, 3) boulevard, 4) park and 5) playground. She spoke about uses of the park and the enjoyment of the park and open space quality and asked the Commission to reconsider reconstituting the Small Craft Yacht Harbor Advisory Committee. She stated that she has been on this committee of 13 members, 11 that are berth holders. The votes are always 11 to 2 and since the rest of City has an interest in that

shoreline she would like to recommend the Commission have an equal number of berth holders and an equal number who express community interest and other recreational interests.

General Manager Goldstein stated that this was before her time but the understanding is the committee was put in place to deal with issues around the harbor redevelopment. Commissioner Murray stated that a written charter for the advisory committee would be helpful. General Manager Goldstein stated that that the Department could provide the Commission motions used to set-up the advisory committee.

Tim Kelly, Street Performer stated that he wanted to reiterate what Paul Nathan said and was at this meeting as a plea for San Francisco street-performers to use Union Square. He spoke about cosmopolitan cities of the world having street-performers and over the last four years in San Francisco street-performers have lost two of best street-performing pitches and it would be excellent to have another pitch such as Union Square.

On motion by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 4:55 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Martin and duly seconded the Commission opened session at 5:28 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Prozan, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0205-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Bonilla ask that the Commission consider out of recognition for Vincent Callan's life and his commitment to Eureka Valley Park to look at a way to pay tribute to his life. General Manager Goldstein stated that a proposal had come to the Department from the family to name the field in Eureka Valley Park after him and it was discovered that the field was already named after someone else. Dan McKenna was working with the Callan family to determine some alternatives for naming in Eureka Valley Park itself or in the area to acknowledge a memorial for Vince Callan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

September 19, 2002

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 2:08 p.m. by President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray, President

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

Commissioner Murray announced that item 4H was removed from the consent calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Concert Season at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park has begun with the new pilot sound policies in place. At this point, Comedy Day, Ala Carte in the Park and Opera in the Park having been completed, with the Department receiving a total of two complaints. Two major events are to be held within the next month which will further reveal the effectiveness of the pilot policy. At the end of the season staff will meet with the community to discuss the effectiveness of the policy and any potential changes.

The first Dog Advisory Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, September 5th. Ten

committee members attended the meeting and elected Mr. Ed Sayers of the SPCA to chair the committee. The balance of the agenda was tabled for the October meeting to allow committee members a chance to study the issues and poll their constituents. Approximately 50 members of the public attended the meeting and voiced their concerns and opinions.

All requested security measures were in place for the home opener of the 49ers Season at Candlestick Park on September 15th. New fencing, new gates, and surveillance equipment were installed. Two new gates have been installed on park property eliminating the need to seek the Board of Supervisors approval to close a public right-of-way. During the next several weeks the National Football League will be conducting a security evaluation of the facility during a game and provide us with a report.

Project Insight

On August 8th, ten members of the Deaf Teen program worked with the Natural Areas Program in Glen Canyon. They spent two hours clearing blackberries near the creek.

Eleven Deaf teens had a great time at Camp Mather, from August 13-18. The trip focused on outdoor adventure activities, including hikes to incredible swimming holes. A day trip to Yosemite, swimming in Birch Lake and a "Yosemite " trivia game was also on the agenda.

Project Insight conducted three successful day camps this past summer:

· The Deaf Elementary Day Camp was a two-week camp (June 24-July 5) for Deaf children, ages 5-10. Highlights included making kites, learning origami, swimming, ice skating, Great America and a watermelon-eating contest. Attendance: 15.

· The VIP Elementary/Middle Day Camp was a three-week camp (July 1-19) for visually impaired children, ages 6-11. Highlights included: Waterworld, Marine World, Great America, swimming, a trip on the Sausalito Ferry, making aprons, cooking and a watermelon-eating contest. Attendance: 7.

· The Deaf Middle School Day Camp was a three-week camp (July 8-26) for Deaf children, ages 10-13. Highlights included: hiking, swimming, visiting the Deaf Services Center at the Main Library, bike riding in Golden Gate Park, Waterworld, Great America, Half Moon Bay, knot tying, origami, making abacuses and learning to use them, baking fruit cobbler and a watermelon eating contest. Attendance: 12.

Randall Museum Outdoor Renovation: The amphitheater has been constructed and the colored concrete for the pedestrian paths has been poured. The Observation Deck's railing and tile are installed and the grading of the site is almost complete. Construction should be completed by the end of September. Gardening volunteers will then begin planting the different gardens, in preparation for the public opening on Saturday, April 26, 2003. A "sneak preview", for donors, is also being planned for September 26, 2002.

U.S. Youth Games: 103 athletes went to Newark, New Jersey, with eleven teams in seven different sports. We brought home five golds, one silver and three bronzes. Soccer has completed their community service with a three-day clinic at Boxer Stadium. BASOC honored the returning athletes with a ceremony, a tree planting and lunch at Kezar Stadium. Honored guests included Elizabeth Goldstein, Supervisor Jake McGoldrick and three former Olympians. The S. F. Recreation and Park Department received a certificate of honor from the Board of Supervisors and each team received

a gubernatorial commendation.

Jr. Giants Baseball: The 2002 season was completed on August 24th. 1,116 boys and girls participated on 58 teams, which was an increase from 46 teams in 2001. The season was capped off with a Jr. Giants Day at Pac Bell Park on August 25th. Players and coaches were a part of a five thousand participant parade on the field prior to the Giants' game.

Summer Girls Volleyball League: Ninety girls participated in a total of eight teams, divided into two age groups (14 & under and 17 & under). Sunset Recreation Center and Richmond Recreation Center hosted league play. Every participant received a medal and each team received a trophy.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

The directors of the Merced Heights Latchkey program are looking forward to taking a group of 12 youths on a weekend trip to Disneyland in Anaheim this fall, October 11th through October 14th. The total cost for this outing will be $1414.80.

Project Insight. Twenty children from the Deaf program went on a three-day camping trip to Lake Del Valle in Livermore. The children helped with setting up camp, cooking and cleaning. It was an opportunity for the children to experience the outdoors, learn about teamwork and have fun hiking and swimming.

Follow-Up from Past Commission Meetings:

History of the Harbor Advisory Committee

At the August Commission meeting, the Commission inquired about the history of the Harbor Advisory Committee based on several public comments. Below is the history of the Committee.

The Harbor Advisory Committee was formed by Gene Friend at the December 18, 1997 Commission meeting in response to some controversial rule changes that were proposed (there was no motion or vote of the Commission to form the committee).

The committee first met on January 7, 1998 and met every month over the years until 2002. The committee now meets every other month. The agenda is usually consists of approval of minutes of the previous meeting, staff report (which consists of any recent news from the marina manager followed by his answering of questions posed by committee members), then any new business. The main topic of discussion has been the plan to rebuild the harbor; other issues have been breakwaters, sandmining /dredging, liveaboards, privatization, east harbor contaminants, berth rates, harbor conditions, etc.

The committee is made up of thirteen:

· A representative from the St. Francis Yacht Club

· A representative from the Golden Gate Yacht Club

· Three tenants of the west harbor

· Three tenants of the east harbor

· A representative from the Harbor Tenants' Association

· A representative for the waiting list

· A representative from the concessionaire, City Yachts

· Two representatives from the Marina community

The makeup of the committee was determined by those who attended the first and early meetings and wrote the by-laws. A copy of the by-laws is attached.

Dates to Remember

· September 20th at 3:30 p.m. - Dedication of new football field at Crocker Amazon; gift of Good Tidings Foundation and NFL

· September 21st (tentative) - Dedication of James Lucy Soccer Field at West Sunset

· October 1st - Neighborhood Park Council Dinner at Golden Gate Club

General Manager Goldstein spoke to the Commission about the Mayor's budget office approaching the Department about the budget climate for this fiscal year and next fiscal year and unfortunately the news persistent being difficult. The Department has been asked to put a series of things on hold for the moment including some equipment and some capital projects. Also, on hold is the add back from aquatics which was $200,000 which in a substantial blow for a conversation the Department will be having tonight with the community to talk about hours for the aquatics facilities. Projections for revenue for the both State and City level are not even looking as good as our conservative estimates were.

General Manager Goldstein gave the Legislative Update: 1) Supervisor Yee's legislation on Natural Areas was heard at the Rules Committee and was going to be heard at the full Board on Monday and 2) the Amendment of the whole on Supervisor Yee's Dog Policy will be going to the Neighborhoods and Parks Committee on September 26th.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to speak about two general categories of concerns at the July 20th event at 3Com Park: 1) boostings/vandalism to vehicles and 2) issues outside the perimeter of 3Com Park. He also asked staff to explain specifically the Department's plan to avoid these issues in the future since there will be another event in October. Chris Mack explained the Department was working with Captain Puccinelli at Bayview Police Station in regard to these concerns. He also explained that in the report from the San Francisco Police Department it stated that in the future, if this type of event is approved, consideration has to be given to protect life and property outside of the actual event. This could include a squad of Honda Units to patrol the lots and the exterior until at least 0400 hours. Plainclothes officers could conduct surveillance to augment the patrols and additional personnel would also need to be added for the reporting that takes place post event.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain: 1) if there were any alternatives to avoid parking in the problem areas such as blocking entry to the streets and 2) who would be responsible for the cost for the additional staff if required. Chris Mack explained that he would check with DPT to see if blocking the streets was a possibility and if additional staff is required the promoter would be responsible for the cost.

Commissioner Murray stated that in the staff report the payment due were made very late and asked staff to explain. Chris Mack explained that he contacted the promoter and until all invoices were paid this event or future events would not take place.

General Manager Goldstein suggested that the promoter work with the public advising them at the entrances, security checkpoints and posting signs that illegally park vehicles will be towed.

Commissioner Lazarus asked if the Commission has approved the next event and if a list of requirements had been established.. Commissioner Murray explained that the Commission approved the three events at 3Com Park, subject to the first event being satisfactory. He stated that the overall event was satisfactory but will ask the General Manager and staff to work with the promoter on issues outside the perimeter of the Park. Chris Mack explained that the Department would work with Captain Puccinelli for staffing needs and a cost estimate to provide the promoter to prevent the same issues in the future.

Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain: 1) how the Department determines that the incidents were related to this event and 2) what liability the Department and promoter have due to the exposure of the incidences.

Chris Mack explained that some incidences would have occurred naturally because of the general area and level of activity in this area however the incidences at this event were higher that expected and neither the Department nor the promoter would be responsible for incidences outside the perimeter of the park. General Manager Goldstein stated that the Department is protected from liability on our sites through the bonding and liability insurance required by the promoter.

Commissioner Chin asked staff to have the Police Department sign-off on the security in the event and stated that the after event report from the Police Department was helpful. Commissioner Murray stated he heard from many people in the neighborhood that driveways were blocked and asked that these cars be towed at future events.

John Laskin stated he agreed with Commissioner Murray regarding block driveways. He asked the Commission where the money goes that is received from parking. Commissioner Murray stated that staff would answer any questions offline for income from parking.

Isabel Wade, Chair, PROSAC, gave a report to the Commission regarding: 1) Public Outreach, 2) Natural Areas Program and 3) Gift Policy. Ms. Wade handed out a booklet to the Commission for District 11.

Commissioner Murray spoke about public outreach encouraging PROSAC to help the Department find creative ways to use the resources we have now.

Commissioner Bonilla asked Isabel Wade to explain the cost to produce the booklets and how many copies were made. Isabel Wade explained that 10,000 copies were made and the cost to produce the booklets was $40,000. The cost included setting-up the initial formatting for a database for staff to use as a template for the other ten districts. Ms. Wade asked the Commission to thank SBC Pacific Bell for contributing the printing for the booklets. Commissioner Bonilla agreed that SBC Pacific Bell should be recognized for their part in the production of the booklets.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0209-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the August 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift of play area improvements for Crocker Amazon Playground, valued up to $375,000.00, from Urban Resources Systems, Inc., d/b/a Neighborhood Parks Council. RES. NO. 0209-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 RES. NO. 0209-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the Parkside Square Playground renovation. RES. NO. 0209-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for West Portal Playground and Clubhouse improvement project. RES. NO. 0209-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the installation of a mural on the east wall of Hamilton Pool.

RES. NO. 0209-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Comedy Scene's request to produce the "27th Annual San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition at Union Square" on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

RES. NO. 0209-007

John Laskin spoke about Crocker Amazon Playground and stated that he was skeptical about the Neighborhood Parks Council and that $375,000 was a lot of money.

GENERAL CALENDAR

SUNNYSIDE CONSERVATORY AND GROUNDS CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Tony Leung presented this item to the Commission for approval of the conceptual design for the physical improvements of the Sunnyside Conservatory and grounds.

The Sunnyside Conservatory is located mid-block at 236 Monterey Boulevard between Baden and Congo Streets. The Conservatory structure, 100-year old historic landmark (San Francisco Landmark #78), sits uphill from Monterey Boulevard in a lushly landscaped 75' wide by 100' deep main portion of the park. A 25' wide x 100' deep steeply sloped section extends the park up to Joost Street.

The condition of the facility has been declining due to vandalism, neglect, deferred maintenance, and lack of funding. Recognizing the need for change, the Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory presented the Recreation and Park Department with a preliminary conceptual improvement plan in the fall of 2001. In September 2001 the Recreation and Park Department hired the Department of Public Works to prepare a Project Development Report to identify deficiencies and improvement needs of the

structure and grounds, and to develop the Friends' preliminary concepts into a potential project, which will accommodate proposed programs, comply with technical requirements of the site, address historic preservation issues related to the landmark status of the building and site, and to include disabled accessibility and other regulatory requirements.

Based on programmatic requirements and the results of a detailed topographic survey, disability access and historic preservation became primary factors in all design considerations. Proposed site improvements include the construction of a new main entrance, ornamental fence and retaining wall on Monterey Boulevard, a new accessible ramp and pathways through the main garden from Monterey Boulevard, and new landscaping and irrigation system. Existing mature and healthy trees will be preserved. Proposed building improvements include minor structural upgrades; repairing damaged building elements, enclosing the building with windows as in the original design, and converting a non-historic storage room into an accessible staff restroom and clean up area for programs.

Source of Funds: Neighborhood Park Bond for conceptual design services only. Other funding to be identified through grants and philanthropic sources.

Len Jordan, a resident stated his support for this project. He spoke about the neighbor having very little open space and felt that the Conservatory was an oasis in an area that is aesthetically challenged and if the Conservatory is restored it could be a place for the neighbors to gather.

Arnold Levine, Co-Chair of Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory, stated he strongly supported the design and feels it has been well thought out and works for the community. He spoke about the need for accessible space for the community and the need for a maintenance schedule that Commissioner Lazarus spoke of at the last Parks and Planning Committee meeting.

Stacy Garfinkel, representing the Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory, stated stated that they wholeheartedly endorsed the plan. She stated that the plan was eloquently designed and the Conservatory would be a fine setting for people of the neighborhood and visitors.

Andrea O'Leary, resident, spoke about Sunnyside Conservatory being the most wonderful thing that has happen to our neighborhood and this project held us together. She stated her concern not only for the on-going maintenance of the space but the need for a dedicated gardener that specializes in semi-tropical, exotic plants.

William Wilson, stated that he felt obligated to tell the Commission the design process was open to the community. The staff listened to the community using their ideas to come up with a design that the community believes is a great plan and hopes the Commissions supports this plan.

Commissioner Chin asked staff to explain about the timing of the construction schedule. Tony Leung explained that the construction schedule was on hold since there were no funds available but because of the uniqueness of this project the Department feels there would be the fund raising opportunities. Commissioner Chin spoke the Department identified the park bond as the primary funding source and asked staff to explain the status of the project in context of what is the proportion of the park bond versus private fund raising. General Manager Goldstein explained the Department would work on a specific strategy on fund raising for this project. The Department is hopeful that funds from Prop 40 Historic Preservation Funds and other funding will provide a very significant portion of this project's funding. Currently the Department has identified the Neighborhood Parks Bond for all costs for work that has

been done, the soft cost and project development. Tony Leung gave to the Commission a list of items that identifies the conditions and priorities for this project. Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to explain if the list contains items that the Department will be able to prioritize with existing maintenance monies to get on track to stabilize the building and prevent further deterioration. General Manager Goldstein explained that project is a Capital project and using maintenance dollars on this project is not going to solve the existing problems and the reason the building is deteriorating is because the Department does not have specific skilled crafts people required for the work to be done.

On motion made by Commissioner Gloria Bonilla and seconded by Commissioner John Murray the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for the physical improvements of the Sunnyside Conservatory and grounds.

GREAT HIGHWAY TEMPORARY DETOUR ROAD

Kathy How presented this item to the Commission for approval of the conceptual plan to relocate two southbound lanes of Great Highway south of Sloat Boulevard eastward, with the intent of alleviating the need for annual sand placement.

In the winter of 1997, as a result of servere erosion of sand bluffs, the Department of Public Works (DPW) declared an emergency and placed a rock revetment adjacent to the Great Highway in order to protect a portion of the roadway south of Sloat Boulevard. Several concerned parties, including GGNRA and the National Surf Riders of America, voiced objections to any continued placement of hard structures on the beach, even if it was to protect the roadway.

Subsequent to the 1997, DPW requested and received general funds for annual sand placement on the beach for the purpose of protecting yet another segment of the roadway south of Sloat Boulevard, and for monitoring reports. DPW was also directed to look into long term alternatives for protecting the roadway. Study of long-term alternatives is being pursued by DPW with the Army Corp of Engineers, using grant funds they obtained from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways.

For the short term, DPW has proposed reducing the most threatened portion of the roadway to one southbound lane and moving it east into what is now currently the median strip. This proposal was being presented as a temporary alternative to annual sand placement for protection of the roadway. Plans and specifications have been prepared for advertisement and receipt of bids. DPW would like to move forward to have the detour road constructed as soon as possible.

Kathy How spoke to the questions raised at committee:

1) What will happen to the existing southbound lanes and paving after construction of the single lane detour road?

> She explained that K rails will be placed to block off the new detour and will not use immediately. The paving for the existing southbound lanes will remain in place and vehicular traffic will continue to use the existing road. DPW will monitor the beach and sand slope for erosion. When they determine that there is a hazard they will move the K rail from the temporary over to the existing two southbound lanes and open up the detour road. The existing two lanes will not be removed until they fall into the beach.

2) How temporary or permanent is this temporary detour?

DPW and their consultants have projected that this temporary detour will last five to seven years. DPW is working with the Army Corp to present alternatives for a long-term solution. They have projected that a preferred solution can be presented by year 2005.

3) When will a solution be implemented?

If the long term is agreed upon then construction will being in 2008.

4) What happens if the one lane temporary detour is threaten by erosion in the interim?

The Department would look to DPW as in prior years to place sand or rock to protect the road.

Commissioner Chin asked staff to explain how much of this was a basic design flaw or miscalculation when the project was conceived years ago, and if the Department could have could anticipated the erosion to this extent. Kathy How explained the Department could not have anticipated the erosion when the project was conceived. Commissioner Murray asked staff: 1) if a traffic study was done and 2) the length of the stretch of the detour. Kathy How explained that DPW looked to the Department Parking and Traffic (DPT) to do a traffic study and DPT concluded that there would not be an impact by reducing it to one lane given the volume of traffic that is currently there. She further explained that the stretch is 1,400 feet.

John Aikin, representing the San Francisco Zoo, spoke about the Zoo not being affected by the lane relocation since the focus of traffic is on the southbound lanes. He asked the Commission to help to ensure that the northbound lanes traffic would not be disrupted during construction, staging of the construction or during the final solutions.

Mark Westlund, representing the San Francisco Environment Department, stated the DOE was in support of this project.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for relocating two southbound lanes of Great Highway south of Sloat Boulevard eastward, with the intent of alleviating the need for annual sand placement.

EUGENE L. FRIEND RECREATION CENTER

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission requesting the approval of the naming the Recreation Center at SOMA the Eugene L. Friend Recreation Center.

Eugene L. Friend has always given back to the community and has a deep affection for the City of San Francisco's recreation and park system. As a native San Franciscan, he continually looked to fund programs that would enable children and families to enjoy the City's parks and recreational areas.

Throughout his life he focused his philanthropic efforts on recreation and park programs such as adoption of animals at the Zoo that he lovingly named after his

wife, refurbishment of the children's playground at the Zoo, the Friend gate at the Strybing Arboretum to showcase the north entrance to the gardens in Golden Gate Park, and the restoration of the Conservatory of Flowers, to mention a few.

In addition, he provided on-going support for Mo's Kitchen at Glide Memorial, named after another fellow benefactor, Morris Bernstein, so that meals and other programs can be offered to those San Franciscans in need.

Gene Friend served on many boards, including the Koret Foundation and the Friend Family Foundation. He is a recipient of the Hebrew University's Scopus Award and University of California's San Francisco Medal. He served on the American Friends of The Hebrew University, the University of San Francisco Board of Trustees, Mt. Zion Hospital and Medical Center, and the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was also a member of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Gene Friend sat on the Recreation and Park Commission for over 24 years, 13 as President, and chaired numerous committees. Through the years, he listened to hundreds of people speak before the Commission about the community needs, be it parks in the SOMA, the Tenderloin, or the Richmond districts, the price of food at the zoo or stadium, the need for more soccer fields, or open space areas to enjoy the City's majestic landscape. These years of public service gave him a keen understanding of parks and recreation centers for all of the City's neighborhoods. He also began to see the importance of simple activities such as sitting on a park bench, viewing floral displays, and listening to the sounds of children playing in a recreation center. These uncomplicated activities give him the most joy and reward. He never stopped listening and, in turn, giving back to the community.

The South of Market Recreation Center, opened in 1980, is a hub of activity in a neighborhood with many children and little open space. It is busy at all hours with programs that serve all ages.

The potential naming of the Recreation Center has been on the agenda of the SOMA Advisory Board the past two months where were discussions about the proposed renaming for Gene Friend. While some members of the community expressed reservations, the consensus was that Mr. Friend's contributions to the City's parks and recreation programs warranted the naming.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that he was pleased to see this proposal come before the Commission. He spoke about facilities around the City that Eugene Friend was directly involved with, financially because of his expertise, and through connections in the community, to make things happen. Gene stepped forward to do things for this Department, and naming the recreation center is one of a number of things that he will be recognized.

John Laskin spoke about an article eight years ago that stated at a Commission meeting a lawyer announced a his client donated $6 million to the Recreation and Park Department, however the donor name was not mentioned.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she supported this proposal because he was a wonderful friend of the park and model citizen.

Quintin Mecke stated that on behalf of the South of Market Advisory Board, the community group that helps the Department make a better recreation center, would like to commend and agree with the naming of the South of Market Recreation Center to Eugene Friend Recreation Center. He also stated that was a great honor to have the recreation center named after Eugene Friend.

Commissioner Murray stated that Eugene Friend served with the Commission for a long time and because of his many generous donations Gene Friend had been recognized throughout the City. He stated that the Department should recognize his contributions and appreciate the process that got us to this state.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of the recreation center at South of Market, the Eugene L. Friend Recreation Center.

ST. MARY'S SQUARE

Dan Mauer presented this item to the Commission to award the construction contract to Angotti & Reilly, Inc. for the St. Mary's Square Renovation and Expansion project.

With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to St. Mary's Square. Of the seven bids received, Angotti & Reilly was the lowest responsive bidder submitting a construction base bid of $1,289,800, an alternate #1 bid of $32,544 and an alternate #2 bid of $13,129. This cumulative bid is $349,927 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,685,400. Angotti & Reilly is a local business enterprise. Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate the 10 months construction project.

St. Mary's Square is situated on top of St. Mary's parking garage located between California and Pine Streets at Kearny Street. The existing park facility, which is approximately 1.6 acres, dates back to the early 1970's. Recently, additional park space was made available when the garage was seismically renovated in 1997. The expanded park space will have direct access to the garage structure below though elevators that were installed as part of the previous project.

The proposed project involves the rehabilitation of the existing park facility and the expansion of the park onto the recently renovated garage structure. The existing park facility will be modified by rebuilding a restroom facility, adding new children's play equipment, replacing all the concrete pavement, lighting, drainage infrastructure, irrigation and planting. The park expansion component will include the addition of children's play equipment (swings), a labyrinth, lighting, irrigation and planting.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff if the work under this bid took into consideration the eventual construction of a small building on the Kearny Street corner. Dan Mauer explained that this project was suppose to built some years ago but the garage underneath it went through a seismic retrofit project and in doing so it allowed the Department to do an expansion of St. Mary's Park. Commissioner Murray stated that the Department was given an additional 6,000 square feet and had a negative shadow impact.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she supported this project because downtown needs the improvements.

On motion made by Commissioner Gordon Chin and duly seconded by the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award the construction contract to Angotti & Reilly, Inc. in the amount of $1,335,473.00 for the St. Mary's Square Renovation and Expansion project.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Dan McKenna presented this item to the Commission to approve Carmel Management Group's first time request to produce "Earthdance 2002 International, a gated global musical event at Speedway in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 12, 2002 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and a request to sell beer and wine.

Earthdance is a California 501.3c non-profit corporation founded in 1996. Earthdance has grown to become the world's largest synchronized music event. This year over 100 cities will unite as one global dance floor in support of peace and humanitarian aims. Carmel Management Group will be arriving by 8 a.m. on Friday, October 11 to set up for this event. Break down will be completed by midnight on October 12, 2002

This year Earthdance joined with the United Nations to promote the U.N. initiative "The International Year of the Mountains", 100% of the proceeds from this years event will be donated to various charities including the IYM Trust Fund, the Rainforest . Action Network and the Milagro Foundation.

The professional platform stage is approximately 65' wide by 45' deep and will be placed at the west end of the field. (The stage is a one-piece pop up stage). There will be a hospitality tent in the backstage area for talent and VIP guest. The tent will be approximately 60' by 60'.

Earthdance will provide a number of food and beverage vendors as well as a limited number of crafts vendors.

After the report was given by staff the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) location change from 3Com Park, 2) traffic and parking and 3) shuttle service. Staff and Mr. Evans, the event promoter addressed the Commission's concerns.

John Laskin stated that rent for the event should be mentioned so that it becomes public record so that the next promoter will know how much was paid.

Steven Willis, Community Outreach Director for the Alliance for Golden Gate Park, stated his concern about recent events at the East End of the Park where people were parking their cars on the grass and there was no police enforcement to keep people from parking on the grass. He encouraged the Department when publicizing for the Earthdance event at Speedway Meadow to encourage public transit and have police authority on-site. Commissioner Murray asked specifically were people parking on the grass. Mr. Willis stated that to his understanding at the Concourse there were motorcycles and many cars parked on the grass. General Manager Goldstein stated that he should speak with Dan McKenna and the Department will definitely increase enforcement at this event.

On motion made by Commissioner Rebecca Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Carmel Management Group's request to produce "Earthdance 2002 International", a gated global music event at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 12, 2002, and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and a request to sell/serve beer and wine.

JULIUS KAHN PLAYGROUND

Gary Hoy presented this item to the Commission to approve the M.O.U. corresponding to the Gift-in-Place for the design and renovation of the Children's Play Area within the Julius Kahn Playground valued at a maximum amount of $750,000. The Gift-in-Place shall be executed by the terms outlined in the attached M.O.U. entered between The Friends of Recreation and Park, the City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, and the Presidio Trust.

In July 2002, the Recreation and Park Commission voted, contingent on final review of the M.O.U., to recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the Gift-in-Place for the design and renovation of the Children's Play Area within the Julius Kahn Playground valued at a maximum amount of $750,000.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain if this item would come back to the Commission when the design is finished but before the work starts and before anyone is hired to do the execution of the design. Gary Hoy explained that when the design is in the conceptual phase it would go to the Parks and Planning Committee for review. Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain the process for approval of the M.O.U. General Manager Goldstein explained the process requirements before for all Gift-in-Place and conceptual design projects goes before the Commission.

On motion made by Commissioner Gordon Chin and duly seconded by the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the MOU between the City and County of San Francisco, the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Presidio Trust, corresponding to the gift-in-place for the design and renovation of the Children's Play Area within the Julius Kahn Playground valued at a maximum amount of $750,000.00.

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission to approve the award the operation of the pushcart concession in the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza to The New York Franfurter Company.

Since February 14, 1999 a pushcart concession has been operating in the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza (the "Piazza"). The concession has been well received as a source of nutrition and refreshments for visitors to the area. The initial term of the last permit was for one year and has continued on a month-to-month basis since April 30, 2002.

On March 26, 2002 the Department issued and advertised an Invitation for Bid for Pushcart Vendor(s) for this location. The Invitation for Bid requested the following:

· Proposed rent.

· Company financial and credit information with references.

· Food vending history with references.

· Description of equipment intended for use at the Piazza.

· Types of food to be offered with sample menu.

Although the Invitation to Bid was widely circulated with bids sent to over 30 potential bidders, most of whom had expressed an interest in bidding, and three

attended the pre-bid conference, only two bids were received. They were from the current Permittee, Cathy Schoop, who operates the New York Frankfurter Co. ("NYFC"), and Sultane `Sam' Alkharaisat of Espresso Bravo Café ("EBC").

The bids were evaluated in the following categories: rent, menu/food and experience. There was a panel of three people who evaluated the proposal in three categories, and the average score for each category is shown below.

	Rent	Menu/Food	Experience	Total
Maximum Points	30	30	40	100
NY Frankfurter				
Pushcart A	30	28	40	98
Pushcart B	27	28	40	95
Espresso Bravo				
Pushcart A	27	13	27	67
Pushcart B	30	13	27	70

Based upon the panels evaluation, staff is recommending that NYFC be awarded the pushcart concession permit for the Piazza. NYFC has been in the food vending business for nineteen (19) years, and we have received very positive references. In addition, the Department's experience during the last sixteen (16) months has been favorable, and shown that NYFC is responsive, and pays rent on time. Permittee will continue to provide café style outdoor tables and seating to accommodate up to 12 people.

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain if the Department has a Standard Form of Agreement. Jaci Fong explained that there are numerous pushcart concession throughout the City and the Department has and uses only one pushcart permit.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award for the operation of the pushcart concession at the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza to The New York Frankfurter Company.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Alan Wong presented this item to the Commission to approve the award of construction contract to NCCI, Inc. for Mid-JFK Utilities - Contract Areas 4, 13 & 24 project, in the amount of $1,506,000.

This construction contract includes the design and construction of two (2) deep-well pump station structures/buildings at the west end of Golden Gate Park (refer to Figure 1), along with the installation of two (2) vertical turbine deep-well pumps, associated piping and electrical equipment. It also includes site work and drainage facilities.

This utility contract would complete the infrastructure "loop" within Golden Gate Park. The earlier construction projects related to new infrastructure within Golden Gate Park included GGP Bowling Green Drive Utilities, Golden Gate Park Pump

Stateion, West End Utilities, Cross Over Drive Utilities, and Martin Luther King Drive Utilities.

Four bids were received, and the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is NCCI, Inc.

General Manager Goldstein commented that Alan Wong was recently hired to manage and coordinate all projects in Golden Gate Park.

On motion made by Commissioner Gloria Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of construction contract to NCCI, Inc. for Mid-JFK Utilities Contract Areas 4, 13 & 24 project, in the amount of $1,506,000.00.

MOSCONE PLAYGROUND

Keith Kawamura presented this item to the Commission to: 1) approve the wording of the Gift-in-Place plaques and 2) accept a Gift-in-Place valued at $1,500 from the Friends of Recreation and Parks.

The new Moscone Playground was opened to the public in April 2002. Since then, the Recreation and Park Commission approved accepting the gift of two bronze sculptures from the Friends of Recreation and Parks. These sculptures of a starfish and a leatherback sea turtle were created by the artists, Johnathan Beery and Lisa Robeson, and will be installed in the playground's lawn area prior to October 18, 2002.

The Friends of Recreation and Parks is now offering a Gift-in-Place to the Recreation and Park Department of two (2) Educational Bronze Plaques and one (1) Dedication/Memorial Ceramic Tile Plaque. The gift is valued at $1,500.

The two Educational Etched Bronze Plaques, each measuring 8"x4"x1/4", would be installed in the lawn next to the two sculptures.

Their text will read as follows:

Leatherback Sea Turtle

(Dermochelys Coriacea)

Johnathan Beery 2002

The Leatherback Sea Turtle has a unique rubbery shall that has 7 ridges. It is the largest sea turtle reaching lengths of up to 6 feet, and weighing as much as 1,400 pounds. It is the only sea turtle species that makes its way to the waters of Northern California. Unfortunately, it is currently an endangered species. Our hope is that this sculpture will help develop an awareness and appreciation for the Leatherback.

The Pink short-Spined Starfish

(Pisaster Brevispinus)

Johnathan Beery 2002

The Pink Short Spined Starfish is one of the largest species of starfish,

reaching sizes of up to 2 feet in diameter. It tends to live in bays

more than open coasts and can be found right

here in the San Francisco Bay.

The plaques will be made at Bay Bronze in Napa, and will be etched, rather than cast, to accommodate the educational text.

The Dedication/Memorial Plaque will be made of 3 hand-pained ceramic tiles with an overall dimension of 8" x 24". The plaque will be installed on the side of the raised sandbox facing the lawn. It will commemorate and recognize those organizations and individuals who helped make the playground and the artwork in it a possibility.

The had painted text upon the plaques will be:

(Recognition)

Thank you to the following donors who helped fund the Moscone Art Enrichment Project

Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation

Kaliski Family Trust

Marina Merchants for Moscone

PlumpJack and Gavin Newsom

Walgreen Corporation

Thanks to Artesance, Sue Chang and Claudia Roehl for their dedication to this project.

Thanks to the Gap Foundation for providing funding for the safety surfacing.

(Dedication)

The Art in Moscone Playground is Dedicated To

The Children of the Marina District and All of San Francisco

In Loving Memory of Our Friend, Cynthia Tyler

The Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center - 2002

Commissioner Murray asked staff to explain if the educational plaques being place near to play equipment would have trip and fall risks. Keith Kawamura explained that the placement of the plaques would not have trip and fall risks because the educational plaques would be flushed with the ground.

Sue Chang representing the Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center, stated she wanted to Thank for the following organizations for their donations: 1) San Francisco Beautiful, $8,000.00, 2) Supervisor Newsom Office and Plumpjack, 3) Marina Merchants for Moscone, $20,000 and 4) the Gap, $50,000. She also stated the importance of the text for the dedication plaques for Cynthia Tyler. She was one of the volunteers from the very beginning and has passed away in July from a long battle with breast cancer as she gave so much in her life, she asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center and it was because of her and her family's deed, it made it possible to purchase the educational plaques. She explained that the placement of the plagues has not been decided, but they are designed to go into the ground next to the sculptures.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve the wording of gift-in-place plaques and 2) accept a gift-in-place valued at $1,500.00 from the Friends of Recreation and Park of two Educational Bronze Plaques and one Dedication/ Memorial Ceramic Tile Plaque.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Quintin Mecke on behalf of the South of Market Recreation Center stated his concerns about the recreation center being used as an impromptu homeless shelter because an encampment on Berry Street was brought down. He offered to work with the Department and the Mayor's office to have a policy to use to avoid problems in the future because it has been very difficult for staff and the community to recover from this situation, also it has been difficult to regain trust from the families to start using the facility again.

General Manager Goldstein stated that the Department was not happy with this situation and is prepared for emergency intervention services and because this case in particular did not work out very smoothly the Department has been engaged in long conversations with the Mayor's office of Homelessness and would be delighted to talk about any ideas that the community has to offer.

Commissioner Prozan stated that in District 8, Eureka Valley uses a model for a similar type of situation that works out smoothly and offered to help to put something in place.

After General Manager Goldstein spoke about the use of the Moscone Recreation Center as a temporary shelter the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) does the Department have a policy in place for the use of facilities in these type of circumstances, 2) asked to what extent are our facilities being asked to meet not only natural emergencies, but also human emergencies, 3) asked staff to meet with other City department to ensure that model can be followed before winter to avoid impact to a facility when a similar situation arises and 4) asked if the City Attorney could have something in place by the next meeting. General Manager Goldstein addressed the Commission's concerns.

Andrea O'Leary stated her concern that at the Rules Committee of the Board of

Supervisors meeting on the Natural Areas Program anyone supporting the Recreation and Park Department were singled out by three Supervisors. She spoke about when making public comment any supporters of Natural Areas were interrupted and questioned about their ethics, the facts of opinions, their merits and she quoted one Supervisor who said, "you don't know the first about what you're talking about in this resolution" it was a very ugly scene which made all legitimacy in question.

Amy Brown, member of Page Street Garden, stated her concern about the San Francisco Urban Gardeners who owns the garden plot is in severe financial crisis and considering selling the garden. She asked the Commission for help and support to keep this garden as an open space. Lisa Block, representing the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners, stated that she would like to encourage the Recreation and Park Commission to acquire the land where the Page Street Garden is located. She spoke about the importance of the garden to the community. Lynn Casaorou, an 8 year Gardner at the Page Street Garden, spoke about how the garden is small pocket of green which is very magical and important to the people of the community. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department was approached by SLUG 30 days ago and has asked the Real Estate Department to appraise the property on our behalf and when once the appraisals are received it is the Departments intention to approach the Commission for approval to purchase the garden. Commissioner Chin asked General Manager Goldstein to share with the Commission information in her forthcoming report about SLUG's financial difficulties, including other properties they own that are in jeopardy.

Steve Willis speaking on behalf of the Alliance for Golden Gate Park spoke about: 1) their mission statement, 2) lack of staff, and 3) concourse underground parking garage.

William Wilson, stated his concern when watching a Rules Committee meeting on television and evidently it has become acceptable to denigrate and personally attack people in support of the Recreation and Park Department. He also stated that if he had to say whom he trusts regarding the Parks Department it would be Elizabeth Goldstein.

Ernestine Weiss stated her concern about the fields being ruined at Block 202, Ferry Park.

Commissioner Murray stated that the Commission needed to rescind the action taken on item 9 for a technical error on the amplified sound policy and permit.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinded the action taken on item number 9.

On motion made by Commissioner Rebecca Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0209-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Carmel Management Group's request to produce "Earthdance 2002 International", a gated global music event at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 12, 2002, and a request to between the hours of 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and a request to sell/serve beer and wine.

John Laskin stated that it was unfortunate that the stable operators they were forced to assume the financial risk to make improvements to the stables and this matter should have been settled a year ago. He also stated that he did not know the facts.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 4:27 p.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the Commission opened session at 4:39 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

October 17, 2002

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 17, 2002 at 2:34 p.m. by Commissioner Gordon Chin.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin

Gloria Bonilla

Rebecca Prozan

Jim Lazarus

Absent:

John Murray

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Community Aquatics Meeting: Staff conducted a community meeting on September 19th, attended by well over 100 swimmers concerning potential operational hour reductions at the Department's nine pools. Staff proposed pool schedules based upon this year's budget allocations, received comments by more than 30 concerned citizens, and conducted a workshop with each pool manager to solicit input. Based upon this input, as well as e-mails and correspondence, staff developed a modified schedule to address as many of the concerns as possible. A $200,000 addback was also made available for the Aquatics Program this past week. Staff will use the community input and adjust schedules to meet many of the community's needs. In the near future, the Department will be hiring an Aquatics Manager to provide direct oversight and coordination for the Program.

Golden Gate Park Events: Last Sunday concluded the large amplified events held in Golden Gate Park's Sharon Meadow. Although the Department did receive several complaints during the course of this season's events, overall the Department received less complaints than in previous years. Staff will continue to work with concerned community members and our Sound Consultant to further refine and improve the policies put in place this past summer.

County Fair Building Events: Large events have returned to the newly renovated County Fair Building, with the annual `Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies" symposium drawing nearly 400 people for three days of lectures and tours. Several Arboretum gardeners participated in the symposium.

New Football Field: The new football field was dedicated on September 20th. The improvements, funded by the Good Tidings, San Francisco 49ers and the National Football League charity branch, provided a new grandstand, electronic scoreboard, sod and goal posts. This will be the Department's first football field exclusively for youth. The new James Lucey Field was also dedicated on September 28th with the unveiling of the new field sign and inaugural youth soccer games.

Margaret Hayward Playground: The "Turk Plaza" construction has begun adjacent to the 911 building.

Koshland Park: Fencing is underway at Koshland Park.

Randall Museum Outdoor Renovation: Construction is nearing completion and the parking lot is being paved and restriped. The new front gate will install the first week of October. The lawn will not be used until the Museum's Halloween event, which is scheduled for October 26th. This will give ample time for the lawn to be fully rooted. Planting the specialty gardens will begin shortly, in preparation for the public dedication, which is scheduled for April 26th. A "Sneak Preview" for donors was held on September 26th, and 33 people attended, including 13 project donors, Randall Museum Friends board member, Elizabeth Goldstein and Randall Museum staff.

City-Wide Teen Program: The Friday Night Fun Teen Program had a "Back To School" picnic at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk on Saturday, September 14th. 55 teens participated in the event and enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as the rides and attractions.

Friday Night Fun at Moscone Recreation Center: Moscone Recreation Center will be a new addition to this program. An orientation for the new group was held on September 27th, with 15 teens attending. Everyone had a great time!

General Manager Goldstein gave the General Manager's report. At the last Commission meeting, Commissioner Lazarus requested a legal report on the use of recreation centers as homeless shelters which is currently be worked on with the City Attorney and will be available next month. The Friends of Recreation and Park is embarking on a public campaign to raise funds for the Conservatory Of Flowers.

Arthur Chang, representing PROSAC, provided the Commission with an amendment to the PROSAC report. Mr. Chang gave the PROSAC report to the Commission and stated what he said were the committee's concerns regarding: 1) the Capital Plan's budget, 2) community outreach and 3) a request to provide a process description and a set of criteria for open space acquisitions.

After the PROSAC report General Manager Goldstein asked Mr. Chang to explain: 1) if PROSAC played a role in the development of a format for the Capital Program and 2)

the discussions regarding the plan for public outreach. Mr. Chang explained that the list of guidelines submitted to the Commission today is a proposal from PROSAC to use as the format for the Capital Program. He also explained that that there had been meetings to discuss the public outreach plan but the meetings were poorly attended. General Manager Goldstein spoke about the focus groups the Department had to develop a survey that will roll out by the end of this fiscal year. She stated the Department will evaluate PROSAC's recommendations for the Natural Areas and make a recommendation to the Commission. Gary Hoy addressed PROSAC's concerns regarding the Capital Plan budget, community outreach and open space acquisitions.

After the PROSAC report issues were addressed the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the General Manager respond to PROSAC suggestion for the "Pre-designed Guidelines for Capital Projects" and 2) the City Attorney review the content of the report from PROSAC in context of Proposition C and the Charter language to determine if the current system was the process envisioned when drafted . General Manager Goldstein and the City Attorney addressed the Commission's concerns.

Commissioner Chin asked the General Manager to explain about the survey that is being developed. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department hired a professional team to do the survey and it will be used in several ways to further a number of projects that are currently in planning.

Commissioner Chin asked the General Manager to address the $200,000 addback for the Aquatics Program. General Manager Goldstein explained that the $200,000 addback has been returned and the Department has started recruiting and will eventually extend pool hours.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Rebecca Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0210-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the September 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the renaming of Bayview Playground to Bayview K.C. Jones Playground. RES. NO. 0210-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 RES. NO. 0210-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual landscape plan for Ocean View Park.

RES. NO. 0210-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Nibbi Bros., Inc., in the amount of $10,715,712.00 (base bid and Alternate 1) for the Africa! Savanna project at the San Francisco Zoo.

RES. NO. 0210-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does allow the General Manager: 1) approve the

sale of wine during the Friends of Recreation and Parks "Music in Parks" Series at the following scheduled concerts for the 2002-2003 season: Buena Vista Park, Justin Herman Plaza, Mission Dolores Park, Precita Park, Glen Canyon Park, Mountain Lake Park, Stern Grove Croquet Lawns, McLaren Park, Union Square, Alta Plaza Park and other parks with approved local neighborhood support and 2) grant permission for the consumption of alcohol in accordance with Park Code Section 4.10. RES. NO. 0210-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does rescind the award of contract to Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture in the amount of $862,523.00 made in August for the John Muir Fishing Pier.

RES. NO. 0210-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Ghilotti Bros./Pan-Marine Joint Venture in the amount of $862,523.00, the responsible (LICENSED) bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, for the replacement of John Muir Fishing Pier and renovation of parking lot. RES. NO. 0210-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) reject all construction bids for the McCoppin Square Irrigation Renovation project and 2) under Administrative Code 6.23 (C) because only one bid was received, approve the General Manager to proceed in the most expeditious manner possible to negotiate a contract in an amount not to exceed $325,000.00. RES. NO. 0210-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an abatement of rent and reduction in maintenance fund contribution for the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession. RES. NO. 0210-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve the "Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and the Maybeck Foundation", for the Palace of Fine Arts project and 2) authorize the General Manager to negotiate the details of the Agreement. RES. NO. 0210-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the third G.O. Bond Sale for the 2000 Neighborhood Park Bond in the amount of $10,360,000.00 and the fourth G.O. Bond Sale for the 2000 Neighborhood Park Bond in the amount of $10,720,000.00. RES. NO. 0210-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply for, accept and expend a grant in the amount of $773,150 from the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Grant Program for the renovation of Holly Park. RES. NO. 0210-013

GENERAL CALENDAR

MCLAREN PARK

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission to approve the request from the California Roller-Skating Association to produce the "San Francisco Downhill Skating Championships" at McLaren Park.

This event involves about 75 skaters that will skate along the downhill portion of Shelley Drive and try to achieve the fastest time down the hill. It will not be necessary to close the entire roadway. Barricades will be placed just beyond the parking lot entrance on the West Side of J.B. Shelley Drive, just beyond the roadway

to the pavilion on the East Side of J.B. Shelley Drive and at Cambridge Avenue and the entrance to McLaren Park during the event.

Members of the California Outdoor Roller-Skating Association and members of the Gravity Racers Association will have a minimum of fifteen (15) people as monitors and race officials. There will be a minimum of two (2) people at each of the three barricades and others will be spread out along the course to ensure a safe racecourse. There will be a first aid station with EMT personnel in case of emergency and to coordinate race with EMT personnel with walkie-talkies.

At all times, all skaters will be wearing helmets and safety gear during this event. Approximately 200-300 spectators are expected at this event.

Sandy Lee addressed the Parks and Planning Committee's concerns: 1) enough available parking, 2) safety and 3) outreach program.

David Miles, Producer, stated that his organization had been trying to bring good fun activities to San Francisco especially in McLaren Park. He spoke about: 1) going into the neighborhood and working with the community to get their thoughts on the event and 2) the benefits this event would bring to the neighborhood and San Francisco.

Chris Duderstadt, Skate Advisory Committee and California Outdoor Rollerskating Association Board member felt that this event was typical of what should be encouraged within the park system. He reviewed the site and found it to be safe and a perfect set-up for this type of event. He stated that this event would be wonderful and gave it his full support.

Franco Mancini, Friends of McLaren Park, President, stated that three months ago he received word about this event and presented it at three community meetings where the people of community embraced it and were very excited about it. He spoke about the location being perfect for this proposal because Shelley Drive is designed like a racetrack. He also stated that community enjoys having events at the Park because it brings more people to the area.

Kathryn Kain stated she lives close to the park and will race in the event. She spoke about the leaflets she distributed throughout the neighbor and speaking to community about the event which everyone supported.

Robert Wurgaft stated he is very excited about this event and has been working very hard to make it a success. He was overwhelmed by the community's excitement that something positive is happening in the Park. He spoke about the beauty of McLaren Park and how the road lends itself to this type of event. He stated that the road had been inspected with safety in mind because that is very important and looks forward to a wonderful event and something positive for the City.

Commissioner Chin commended everyone for the outreach that was done and working with the immediate neighbors and associations.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0210-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the California Outdoor Roller-skating Association's request to produce the "San Francisco Downhill Skating Championships" at McLaren Park and to close a portion of John B. Shelley Drive (East of Cambridge

Avenue to the area above the Amphitheater) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 9-10, 2002.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Gary Hoy presented this item to the Commission to approve the revision of the March 2000 Capital Improvement Plan.

The Charter Amendment passed by the voters as part of the March, 2000 ballot requires the Department to develop and revise its Capital Plan. Those requirements were included in the City Charter Section 16.107, defining the Park Recreation and Open Space Fund.

In June of this year a proposed revision was provided to the Park Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. The majority of those revisions were made to reflect the delay in implementation of the Plan as a result of the staffing shortage. Subsequently, a series of four community meetings were held in July of this year to review the status of the Capital Plan and any proposed revisions. The Department collected comments from those meetings and those recommendations were considered in the proposed revisions. A presentation of those comments and the subsequent revisions will be presented to the Commission at this meeting.

Gary Hoy stated he gave the same presentation in June to the Parks and Planning Committee regarding the Recreation and Park Department Capital Plan Update. He also spoke about PROSAC's suggestions: 1) to change format of the community meetings and 2) for the Department to have a separate meeting to voice their issues. He stated that the Department will work with PROSAC's to address their suggestions.

Leora Vestel, representing Rolph Playground Neighborhood Association, thanked the Commission for having a process for capital plans for renovating the parks. She stated that they pushed very hard to have Rolph Playground moved forward on the list and that they were currently doing their own survey. They had 800 copies of the surveys translated in three languages and went to all the neighbors and people who use the park to find out what they wanted from the park. She asked if the Department was considering moving Rolph Playground up today. Gary Hoy explained that the Clubhouse and Playground at Rolph Playground had been designated for years five and six on the original March Capital Plan and both have been moved to year four in the current plan if approved today.

Commissioner Bonilla applauded the efforts of the Rolph Playground Neighborhood Association for helping to take the lead on getting input from the neighborhood. She also stated that translating the survey into different languages was extremely appropriate for this area. She suggested that other neighborhoods use this survey as a model to help the Department substantiate that they are getting significant input for each project.

After the report and public comment was given the Commission discussed the following concerns about the capital plan: 1) community involvement as an important factor in decision making, 2) staffing shortages causing project delays, 3) the Department expediting projects to save long term costs and 4) by deferring the work on these project has the Department done an analysis of the cost impact. Gary Hoy and General Manager Goldstein addressed the Commission's concerns.

Commissioner Prozan stated her concern about approving this item because of issues raised in PROSAC's report. Commissioner Lazarus stated that he willing to support this item and move it forward with the assurance that the appropriate staff will meet

with key members of PROSAC to discuss and figure out ways to avoid these problems when you do the next round of adjustments to the capital plan. Commissioner Bonilla stated she also was prepared to move this item forward on the basis that the General Manager review the document from PROSAC and address all their issues because as Commissioners we cannot endorse a project without the support of PROSAC. Commissioner Chin stated that it is hard to review a document five minutes after it is received and have comments and staff to review the document received by PROSAC and give the an to the Commission at the next meeting.

On motion made by Commissioner Rebecca Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0210-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the revision of March 2000 Capital Improvement Plan as required by City Charter Section 16.107, Park Recreation and Open Space Fund.

HARDING/FLEMING RFQ

Jaci Fong presented this to the Commission to approve for public release a Request for Qualification for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

In preparation of the reopening of the Harding Park Golf Complex ("Complex") next summer, staff, with assistance from the City Attorney's Office, prepared a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to serve as the first of two submittal steps in selecting a qualified Manager. The purpose of the RFQ is to gather pertinent facts concerning financial capability and requisite experience of the respondents and to assist the Department in determining which, if any, of the respondents are qualified to submit a response to the Request for Proposals ("RFP"), the second step of the process. The RFQ will also provide general information to the prospective respondents concerning responsibilities and expectations of the Manager of the Complex. Requirements included in the RFQ include:

· possession of at least five years experience in golf course operations, including all starter services, merchandizing, marketing and general business administration;

· possession of at least three years experience in managing a first class food and beverage operation;

· experience in hosting and managing major tournaments;

· the ability to complete interiors and fixtures for the new clubhouse/restaurant facility,

· the ability to secure temporary facilities to serve as the as the starter office and a limited food and beverage service until the new clubhouse is completed and open;

· entering into a separate agreement with the PGA for hosting the PGA TOUR Championship once every three years;

· entering into a separate contract with the USGA for agronomy advice, regular inspections and reports concerning the status and health of the courses;

· entering into a separate agreement with the local chapter of The First Tee Program to coordinate the use of Fleming Golf Course and the new state-of-the-art practice facility; and

· hiring, as Manager's employee, a liaison to work with Departmental staff to insure maintenance practices conducive with PGA and USGA standards.

If this RFQ is approved today by the Commission, the following schedule will be followed:

Reproduced bound copies distributed	October 9, 2002
Pre-submittal conference at 10:00 a.m. at the County Fair Building	October 21, 2002
All submittal due by 3:00 p.m.	October 31, 2002
Short list of qualified candidates presented for approval to Commission along with a Request for Proposal	November 21, 2002

At the Finance and Administration Meeting, held on October 3, 2002, suggested changes were offered by the Commissioners concerning respondents' experience requirements and the need for a period to settle any protests made by respondents as to the findings. The Commissioners expressed their desire for the RFQ to state that respondents must have experience managing a course with at least 27 holes and that such a facility must have ancillary activities such as a driving range. Those changes were made and are included in Section II on page three. Added language concerning the protest period is found in Seciton VII.J. on page 15.

After the report was given by staff the Commission discussed the following concerns and asked staff to explain: 1) if the Commission will see a RFP shortly for approval, 2) who the RFQ was sent to, 3) for both the RFQ and RFP process who comprises the selection committees that makes the initial recommendations and do they have knowledge of golf course management, 4) if the Commission has final say of the firm that is selected, 5) the protest period, 6) the terms of employment, 7) the outreach plan for the First Tee Program and 7) how the Commission will be informed throughout the entire process. The General Manager and staff addressed all of the Commission's concerns.

Reola Freeman spoke about working with the First Tee Program and PGA's US Open Golf tournaments. She thanked John Murray, Margaret McArthur and Sandy Tatum for letting her work in 2000 stating she enjoyed the tournament very much.

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0210-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve for public release of a Request for Qualifications for the operation and management of the Harding Park Golf Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss spoke about volunteers making many calls to get trashcans. She stated that she met with Commissioner Murray about the horrible conditions at Ferry Park. She also stated that the neighbors in the community are very upset because nothing has been done to enforce the illegal activity in the Park. General Manager Goldstein explained she has seen the site and is waiting for an assessment from Commissioner Murray. Mike Morlin explained that the Department would make sure that: 1) on volunteer days the Department will make sure there are enough trashcans and 2) prior to volunteer days the trashcans will be emptied more frequently.

Chris Duderstadt, representing the Alliance for Golden Gate Park, stated their concerns in Golden Gate Park: 1) illegal parking not being enforced and 2) proposals approved by the Concourse Authority that are affecting ADA access and pedestrian walkways. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Commission would see recommendations from the Concourse Authority for Commission approval.

Emeric Kalman stated his concern that a commercial permit was issued for an event at the Marina Green on the weekend of October 12th and 13th. He also stated that the Department broke the agreement because the State granted the Marina Green to the City that clearly defines "no commercial activities". He asked the Department to address the following issues: 1) how much income was generated from this event for the Park and Harbor and 2) was an inspection done after the event because part of the Marina Green was trampled specifically near the shoreline.

General Manager Goldstein explained that she did not know the specifics about the permitting process for this event but the Department does takes bond and liability insurance for all our public events and will addressed Mr. Kalman's issues in the General Manager's Report for next month. Mr. Kalman asked if all permit requests are heard by the Commission for public input. General Manager Goldstein explained that according to the Permits and Reservations Policy only certain permits trigger the Commissions review. Mr. Kalman asked staff for a copy of the Policy.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that the issues at Ferry Park have to be dealt with, so not to come back to the Commission every month. He suggested a policy be development to resolve the issues at Ferry Park and similar parks. Commissioner Chin encouraged the Parks and Planning Committee to have a public venue for all constituencies to be heard on the development of a policy for the use of non-athletic park. General Manager Goldstein explained that she has been very direct with Ms. Weiss informing her that the Department has concluded that pickup games can continue at Ferry Park. Ms. Weiss disagreed with the resolution so Commissioner Murray went to the site to make a determination whether to continue to allow pickup games at Ferry Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

November 21, 2002

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 17, 2002 at 2:05 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President John Murray announced that items 7 and 8 were taken out of order and would be heard after the consent calendar. Also, on the consent calendar there was a change on item F, instead of "The Helen Diller Family Children's Play Area" the sign will read "Helen Diller Family Children's Play Area".

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Gordon Chin

Gloria Bonilla

Rebecca Prozan

Jim Lazarus

Absent:

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Storms damage trees: On the evening of November 7th and throughout the 8th, the Department experienced close to 100 fallen or severely damaged trees throughout the City. Especially hard hit areas included Golden Gate Park, parks in Pacific Heights, Harding Park and Lincoln Park. Crews worked throughout the weekend to clean up the debris and re-open areas restricted to the public because of associated tree hazards.

Controlling ground squirrels: The General Manager and Dan McKenna met with Mayor

Carr of the city of Pacifica and the City Manager, Mr. David Carmany to discuss the issue of controlling ground squirrels on the sea wall protecting Sharp Park Golf Course. Department staff had been legally baiting the squirrels to control potential damage to the sea wall. Pacifica citizens through Mayor Carr's office voiced their concern about the practice. As a result, the Department will work with the City Manager to develop a program that does not rely upon baiting to control the squirrel population.

New children's play area at Crocker Amazon: In conjunction with Neighborhood Parks Council, Kaboom, and 100s of volunteers, Department staff participated in the construction of a new Children's Play area at Crocker Amazon Park on Saturday November 2nd. The project included the erection of a very large play structure, which was a pilot program funded in part by NPC, community members and the Department. Our hope is to duplicate this project in other neighborhoods. The end result will serve many neighborhood children for years to come at significantly reduced costs as compared to traditional capital projects.

Zoo MOU: The Department has finalized negotiations with the Zoo and DPW regarding procedures for the expenditure of zoo bond funds. The MOU is attached.

Moscone Satellite. On October 18, 2002, the Marina neighborhood celebrated the unveiling of the bronze starfish sculpture at Moscone Recreation Center's brand new west play area. Over 200 people attended the event that was combined with a jazz trio, courtesy of the Friends of Recreation and Parks' "Jazz In The Park" series. Soon after October 18th, a second bronze sculpture, a turtle, arrived. The unique sculptures are pieces of art, as well as play structures.

Teachers Workshop: Science Fair Survival. On October 17, 2002, the science staff at the Museum held a "Science Fair Survival Workshop" for middle school teachers. Thirteen teachers from 11 San Francisco schools came to learn about science fair rules and procedures, share ideas for inspiring young scientists, and prepare to host local fairs at their schools. The Randall Museum will host the 21st Annual San Francisco Middle School Science Fair, February 24 - March 1, 2003.

United States Youth Games. A supervisor from the Recreation Division has been identified to chair committees in each sport and other responsibilities, such as transportation, housing, food, entertainment, hospitality, volunteers, etc.; in preparation for the 2003 games in San Francisco. Members of the gold medal swimming team from the 2002 U.S. Youth Games in Newark, New Jersey, conducted their community service requirement with an event at Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool on October 19, 2002. The USYG champions taught children to swim and shared food afterwards.

Awards and Honors: Mrs. Tera Wattles honored by the Richmond District Community. Over 100 people form the Richmond District and Community Based Organizations attended a benefit for the Richmond Neighborhood Center on October 17, 2002. Ms. Tera Wattles, 3284 Recreation Director, assigned to the Richmond Recreation Center, was featured with Mr. Jeff Mori, as honored recipients of the Annual Community Award. Tera has served the Richmond District community as an active resident and Recreation and Park Department employee for 35 years. Tera also received proclamations from City Treasurer Susan Leal and State Senator Jackie Speier.

Dates to Remember

· December 5th - Annual holiday tree lighting at McLaren Lodge

· December 20th - Annual holiday party for Recreation & Park Dept.

Marybeth Wallace gave the PROSAC's November Commission Report. She spoke about 1) Rec and Park's Operations Planning Draft, 2) land acquisition update, 3) Open Space Fund accounting issues under Props. C and A and 4) Public Outreach Program. Ms. Wallace explained the Capital Projects that were reviewed, Vice Chair Chang has reiterated the February 2002 requests to the Capital Division to provide: 1) annual accounting of contingency fund spending for Prop. C; 2) annual accounting for open space acquisition fund, including the amount not expended annually; and 3) accounting for the capital bank of the old Open Space Fund on June 30, 2000.

It should also be reported to this Commission that last month's PROSAC report on the current Capital Plan should be corrected to reflect the following procedural and substantively erroneous statement, "The Committee does not feel that it is in a position to approve the revised plan In its' current form." Since PROSAC did not vote on the plan either way, it may appear misleading as stated.

President Murray requested that the Commission receive PROSAC's report seven days prior to the meeting for review. President Murray asked staff to address the request for additional accounting on the open space fund. Gary Hoy explained that the accountants are currently working on a report to provide PROSAC at their January meeting.

General Manager Goldstein recognized Michael Frank, Director of Administration and Financial Services to give presentation of three separate aspects of the overall budget situation. Last Thursday the Department received from the Mayor's office budget instructions a month earlier than usual that included information we wanted to share with the Commission today. Also, the Department has given budget presentations to staff and stakeholders groups so everyone would be updated and Michael Frank will go over the proposals for a cost allocation plan and budget structure.

Michael Frank gave three separate presentations on the overall budget: 1) the budget overview, 2) the cost allocation plan and 3) the financial structure.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the combining of the capital and operating budget, the Department appears to have more flexibility than we actually do causing a serious problem, 2) for the Department to make sure the public is fully aware of what that the Mayor's has asked the Department to do regarding reduction for this and next fiscal year's budget, and 3) the percentage comparison on the budget cuts for the City overall and the Department. General Manager Goldstein and Michael Frank addressed the Commission's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0211-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the October 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0211-002

Donation From

Lincoln Park Zoo 0.1 Emperor Tamarin

2001 North Clark Street USDA #33-C0004

San Mateo, CA 94401

Purchase From

Santa Ana Zoo 1.1 Montezuma's Oropendola

1801 E. Chestnut Ave. USDA #93-C-0101

Santa Ana, CA 92701-5001 $500.00 / pair

Exchange From

Little Rock Zoo 0.1 Giant Anteater

1 Jonesboro Drive USDA #71-C-0231

Little Rock, AR 72205-5403

Donation To

Miami Metrozoo 0.1 Orang Utan

12400 SW 152nd St. USDA #58-C-0006

Miami, FL 33177-1402

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plans for the Bernal Heights Park. RES. NO. 0211-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the renovation of the playground at Alta Plaza Park. RES. NO. 0211-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plan for the Koret Foundation Children's Quarters in Golden Gate Park. RES. NO. 0211-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: 1) the conceptual plan for the Children's Play Area
at Julius Kahn Playground and 2) a plaque on the perimeter fence of the Children's Play Area naming it as "Helen Diller Family Children's Play Area". RES. NO. 0211-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve for public release, a Request for Qualifications for the management and operation of Lincoln Park, Sharp Park and Golden Gate Park golf courses.

RES. NO. 0211-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the contract price from $922,648 to $1,026,908 in the form of a change order for contract number 0383J, Panhandle Pathway/Lighting and 3rd Avenue/Kezar Improvements Federal Aid Project No. CML-5934(102) project. RES. NO. 0211-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Pacific Rowing Club's request for a "24 hour
Row-a-thon" at Lake Merced starting at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 2002 to 10:00 a.m. on December 8, 2002. RES. NO. 0211-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the M.O.U. corresponding to the agreement between RPD and SFUSD to create a model program at SOMA Park that benefits RPD, SFUSD, and the community. The design, permitting, and maintenance of the children's playground, and the vacation of the Bessie Parcel and Sherman Street shall be executed by the terms outlined in the attached M.O.U. entered between the City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Parks and the San Francisco Unified School District. RES. NO. 0211-010

GENERAL CALENDAR

HARDING GOLF COMPLEX REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Jaci Fong gave a report to the Commission on the results from the Harding Park Golf Complex Request for Qualifications. She also presented the Review Panel's recommendation for the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal phase.

At its October 17, 2002 meeting, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for the Management and Operation of the Harding Park and Fleming golf courses (Resolution #0210-016). The following summarizes the process that was followed to determine the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal ("RFP") phase.

· On September 26, 2002, a letter was sent to a list of 98 entities, including golf management companies and others that have previously contacted the Department expressing a desire to be placed on the Harding Park Bidders' list. In total, sixteen (16) prospective bidders requested and paid for a copy of the RFQ.

· On October 19, 2002, the bid was advertised in the San Francisco Independent.

· On October 21, 2002, Staff conducted a Pre-Submittal Conference at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. Twelve (12) people attended the Conference, representing nine (9) different companies.

· On October 31, 2002, at 3:00 p.m., the submittal deadline, seven (7) submittals were received. An additional submittal arrived via fax on the afternoon of October 31, 2002 followed by seven (7) copies of the submittal via Federal Express the next day.

· On November 8, 2002 the Review Panel (the "Panel") met to review responses to the RFQ, based on the criteria set forth in the RFQ. A sheet of pertinent requested information in the RFQ was compiled for the Panel for the submittal review process.

Each response was carefully, read and reviewed by each member of the Panel. Staff has also checked references. Responses were evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Based on its careful review, the Panel recommends that the following short-list of candidates proceed to the RFP phase. Listed in alphabetical order, not indicating ranking, they are:

Aerostar Development

Celtic Golf Management, LLC

Colbert Golf

Kemper Sports Management

Poppy Holding Company

Windsor Golf Management

The Panel could not recommend the other two entities because their submittals were found to be non-responsible for the following reasons:

1. Billy Casper Golf Management, Inc.

Besides being submitted past the deadline, the response submitted by Billy Casper Golf Management, Inc. lacked the following:

a. No detailed or verifiable information indicating their financial health. No specified references to the required experience in restaurant management.

b. No description of how they have maximized utilization of public golf courses, operated major tournaments like to the TOUR Championship, accommodated the needs of the entire golfing public, developed marketing plans, operated community and youth oriented programs, or worked with public agencies.

Their proposal, in short, lacked any detail in allowing the Panel to adequately judge the proposal.

2. Vision 20/20 Pro Golf Management

The package submitted was deemed non-responsive because, as a whole, it did not specifically and directly address the requirements included in the RFQ.

The response submitted lacked the following:

a. Indication of managing golf courses, restaurants or a major tournament. Although there was mention of managing courses out of the country, no names of courses or specific dates of operation were included.

b. Any evidence of financial capability for this project.

c. The majority of information and certifications included were unrelated to the requested information in the RFQ.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the number of members on the interview panel, 2) how the applicants were judge, 3) the reason the applicants were dropped, and 4) if the Department has received any complaints about the process. Staff addressed the Commission's concerns.

Peter Ashe stated he was speaking to the stewards, who want the Charter definition of the ultimate authority for the operation and preservation of all facilities, specifically, proper budget for maintenance of the golf courses. He asked that the revenues generated from the users be put back into the golf fund only and not used

for any other departments.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to explain the standards for maintenance and operations for the contractor and the Department that were developed for funding items. General Manager Goldstein explained that the legislation for a golf fund that was passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors has a set of criteria by which the monies will: 1) be invested, 2) repay grants made to Harding Golf Course by the State to the open space fund so that we preserve the capital investment dollars that are being expended on Harding Park. In addition, the Department has established maintenance standards as part of the work we are doing at Harding Park.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0211-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Review Panel's recommendation for the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal phase.

HARDING GOLF COMPLEX RFP/MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission to approve the release of a Request for Proposals for the Management and operation for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

The City Attorney, with assistance from Department management and staff, drafted the Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and the sample Management Agreement (the "Agreement") before you today. Among the requirements for submittal, as part of the respondents proposal, are:

1. A management summary highlighting the proposal

2. A management plan including descriptions of:

- maximizing use of the facility
- developing programs for the entire golfing community
- a golf reservation system to service Harding as well as the other City-owned courses
- integrating and working with City staff who will be maintaining the courses
- Marketing the facility to local golfers, and those across the greater Bay Area, the Nation and the world; how local hotel rate and packages will be developed
- Interacting with local community organizations such as local golf clubs and neighborhood associations
- Developing collateral activities such as the restaurant, bar and banquet facilities and operations; the driving range operations; merchandising and instruction programs
- Maintaining all Complex buildings designated for the Manager's responsibility

· Developing a plan to satisfy the City's request for making a best faith effort to utilize local minority and women-owned businesses for participation in project development and operations

· Specific information concerning the number of and description of duties for all employees to be hired by Manager, both for day-to-day operations and for special events such as major tournaments

· All cash handling procedures and reporting method

3. A budget and plan for cost containment procedures

4. A statement of proposed financial terms and assumptions, including the proposed management fee and the proposed interest rate with regards to the requested capital improvements

5. A plan for supplying temporary structures to serve starter golf functions, a limited pro shop and food and beverage concession until the clubhouse is completed and opened

6. Compliance with all applicable Human Rights Commission requirements.

7. A submittal security deposit in the amount of $10,000 to accompany the proposal which shall be increased to $40,000 within three (3) business days if such proposal is selected for the negotiation stage. Deposits from all others shall be retained immediately.

Jaci Fong stated that the proposal shall be due no later than December 27, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. and should include a cover letter, table of contents, project summary, supplement to the statement of qualifications management plan.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the RFP should include the Department having the right to reserve the site from time to time for Department sponsored events, 2) how was the person needed to help operate the 1st tee facility was weighted, 3) could days of rest be added to the contract for maintenance, 4) rates for resident and non-resident and 5) the criteria for selection of members on the interview panel. Staff addressed the Commission's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0211-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the release of a Request for Proposals for the management and operation for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

STERN GROVE AND PINE LAKE

Gary Hoy introduced Judi Mosqueda of DPW who presented this item to the Commission to approve the conceptual improvement plan for Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park.

Stern Grove & Pain Lake Park is located in the southwest quadrant of San Francisco within Board of Supervisors District 4. Situated at the corner of 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, the park is surrounded by residential homes. The park functions as a

neighborhood and regional facility and is home and host to the Stern Grove Festival Association's (SGFA) famous outdoor summer concerts. Stern Grove & Pine Lake Park has been identified as a high priority for renovation.

Beginning in 2001, the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) contracted with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to begin a planning process for Stern Grove & Pine Lake Park that was structured in three phases: 1) Site Assessment, 2) Improvement Planning and 3) Implementation. The services of the Office of Lawrence Halprin were retained by SGFA for RPD with Lawrence Halprin as the master designer assisted by DPW and other consultant personnel.

A series of three workshops were held during the fall and winter of 2001-2002 to learn the concerns and desires of the neighbors and park users, and to generate a conceptual improvement plan with their desires in mind.

Park improvements consist of: new performance facilities including a terraced concert area, existing infrastructure replacement, a new building for summer day camp and community use and a maintenance facility, renovation of the Trocadero, upgrades to existing recreation and playground areas, restoration of the natural lake and habitat, establishment of an off-leash dog area, upgrades to the recreation and playground areas requiring a new restroom facility, ADA compliance, vehicular and pedestrian circulation improvements, slope stabilization and a tree/forest management plan.

Ms. Mosqueda introduced Larry Halprin, Landscape Architect, spoke about the site being compared to the Grand Canyon that need a lot of work. President Murray asked the General Manager Goldstein to give a brief history about Larry Halprin and his firm. General Manager Goldstein stated that Lawrence Halprin created the prototype for a community based modeling around parks and the development of concepts for open space through a collaborative process with the community. He is responsible for the FDR monument in Washington DC as well as Levi-Strauss in San Francisco and is currently working on a plan for Yosemite Park. She also stated he is indeed the finest landscape architects of our time. President Murray stated that he is very pleased to see this project come before the Commission and wanted to thank Mr. Halprin and staff who have been involved with this project.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to explain: 1) how this project was being funded and 2) what phases are not funded yet. Ms. Mosqueda explained the funding sources for the project and stated that there is funding for Phases I and II. Gary Hoy explained other ways they would be fund raising.

Patricia Madden a resident of Stern Grove who attended the last community meeting stated her concern that in the new design the children's day camp is smaller and adjacent to the off-leash dog area. She asked the Commission to please ask the design team to notify the director of the day camp be involved in the project.

Peter Palermo, Operations Director, Stern Grove Festival Association, on behalf of the Board of Directors, stated that our patrons and staff strongly supports this plan and are eager to get this project started.

Eileen Boken, Sunside Parkside Education and Action Committee, quoted part of a letter for record drafted by Mark Duffet, President of SPEAK

Andrea O'Leary stated her concerns that in the conceptual design the meadow a full two-thirds of all the usable open space is reserved for off-leashed dogs. People needs, and especially children's, have been given a back seat. She also stated that if this Commission approves this conceptual design, please do so by adding requirements

before any final plans are considered.

Chooi Eng Grosso stated she would like to ask the design team to rethink the idea of eliminating all of the restrooms on the deck level of the Trocadero.

Ellena Isabel Clee stated she has enjoyed Stern Grove for the last forty years but had concerns about some of the recommended changes: 1) the $8 million cost for the renovation to the concert meadow, 2) the irrigation system, 3) field house, 4) location of the off-leash dogs area, 5) safety, 6) ADA access, 7) repair of sewage system around Pine Lake and 7) road expansion around the stage for emergencies.

Anne Farrow for Karin Hu, PhD. stated she wanted to compliment the design team on this project and read a letter submitted to the Commission from Karin Hu, Ph.D. regarding the Natural Areas Program.

Mary McAllister a neighbor of Stern Grove, complimented the design team on the capital plan and stated that the plan is supported by the community. She hopes that the Commission will approved the plan today with one exception of the natural areas at Pine Lake.

Marvin Cohen stated that he loves Pine Lake and walks his dog there twice a day. A few years ago he started Friends of Pine Lake Park to address concerns regarding the park. He thanked staff for doing a wonderful job on this project and felt that the people of the community had the opportunity to express their feelings and desires and stated that there is no question that Pine Lake is a natural area.

Nancy Wuerfel spoke about the background of the controversial aspect of the Pine Lake Stern Grove conceptual plan's connection with natural areas program.

Patrick Skain resident and property owner that directly interfaces with Pine Lake Park stated that any decisions to move forward with improvements of Pine Lake Park would affect the members of the Crestlake Property Owners Association. He spoke about attending all the community meetings for the development of the master plan and supports the overall concept and urges the Commission to move forward despite negative comments. He also feels that he is compromising with the plan because the off-leash dogs were given such a large area but is hopeful that an aggressive enforcement program will take place to ensure that off-leash dogs are only accommodated in the designated areas.

Bill Carlin thanked the design team for a beautiful job, well done. He stated his concerns about two statements made at a presentation last week regarding: 1) Pine Lake being declared a significant natural area by the Recreation and Park Commission and 2) the area around the Pine Lake being a critical area. He was concerned that the Commission would be sanctioning the implementation of the natural areas plan even though one has not been written.

Jill Fox, a mother of a day camp user stated that RPD did not notify the day camp users and their parents about work being done at Pine Lake and was concerned that she was not be able to provide input throughout the process specifically on the location of the day camp.

Lisa Vittori, member of SFDog and the Native Plant Society asked the Commission to postpone approval because of opposition to this plan. She stated that in the conceptual plan, the area designated for the dogs and kids are a setup for problems and felt that community should continue to give input to the project team for design development.

Dylan Hayes representing Friends of Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park stated that there was a wonderful park process and that the community had spoken in support Pine Lake's restoration. He spoke about his concerns regarding PROSAC District 4 for blocking Rec and Park from obtaining the State grant and inside lobbying to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Natural Areas Program associated with Pine Lake.

Richard A. Craib representing Friends of Glen Canyon Park stated that Glen Canyon Park had much of the same contentious discussion as Pine Lake and feels that it is harassment. He spoke about the eighty percent of the voting public who voted for these bonds and stated that Pine Lake sorely needs these improvements which are long overdue.

Pinky Kushner representing the Minority Report from the organization Sunset Parkside Education Action Committee stated that on behalf of Maryann Miller, SPEAK board member supports approval of the plan and loves Lawrence Halprin's design. She stated her concerns if the Pine Lake project was delayed: erosion problems occur and cost increase significantly and stated that anyone who says that Pine Lake is not a significant natural area has not been there.

Jake Sigg stated that he hopes the Commission approves this and spoke about: 1) plants surviving in the harsh climate of California, 2) the need for more open spaces to educate our youth, 3) finding indigenous plants from a survey he did in 1997, 4) the need to preserve all aspects of the natural areas at Pine Lake, and 5) the serious problems with erosion and weeds.

Nicholas Torres representing the Youth Stewardship Program. He explained that the program is a combination of urban service project and natural areas. The program teaches kids habitat restoration, promotes bio diversity giving young leaders a chance to make a social change in community actions. He stated his concerns regarding off-leash dogs outside the designated area.

Isabel Wade spoke about a study that has been completed on the three fresh water lakes in San Francisco and the two issues that were discovered this year: 1) replenishment of the aquifer and 2) water quality primarily caused by sedimentation. She also spoke about issues regarding the funding of the conceptual plan.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) ADA path - can a person go up as easily as they go down, 2) the need for bathrooms at the Trocadero, 3) widening of the public road behind the stage for emergency vehicles, 4) protection of the irrigation system under the meadow, 5) the logic of the phasing for this project, 6) alignment of the children's day camp and the off-leash dog area and 7) fencing around the lake. General Manager Goldstein, Gary Hoy and Judi Mosqueda addressed the Commission's concerns.

President Murray asked General Manager Goldstein to speak about: 1) approval of the conceptual plan, 2) the 1995 Draft Natural Areas Program and 3) the Board of Supervisors advisory committee. General Manager Goldstein spoke about the Department having two planning documents, choosing the plan that had a very substantial amount of public input and the other plan was at beginning of the public input process. She asked Ms. Mosqueda to describe the very specific zone approach to the lake and its restoration that was extensively discussed on Thursday night. Ms. Mosqueda explained that she worked with Lisa Wayne with the Natural Areas Program in understanding concerns from Nancy Wurfel and Mary McAllister regarding the natural areas management plan. She spoke about the development and the details of the plan addressing the concerns of both groups and the community at large. She also explained the zoning of the natural areas around Pine Lake that were not defined. She stated that this plan is a ten-year implementation plan for the whole master plan and

staff will be on-site continuing with the next phases.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) how close to the shore the fence will be located, 2) the acreage of the "significant natural area" excluding the lake, 3) size of the proposed off-leash dog area, 3) the acreage of the entire park, 4) if and how the project would be affected if the Commission denies the request to submit an application for a grant, 5) time issue for submitting an application for these grants, 6) if the plan is approved in concept will it restrict the advisory committee that has been formed in any way from continuing with their community outreach and their input to the natural areas program process and 7) roles the Commission and the new advisory group will have to put forth an adequate community input process or policy. Judi Mosqueda and Gary How addressed the Commission's concerns. General Manager Goldstein asked staff to explain: 1) if the grant proposal is not withdrawn when would the Department hear that funding is available and 2) if the Department were to begin work on the design development for this project when would the bidding for construction on the design development begin. Gary Hoy explained that if the funding is approved it would be available in March. Judi Mosqueda explained that bidding would start in June 2003 for Phase I of this project so timing does not conflict with the Stern Grove Association Concert Series. President Murray asked Gary Hoy: 1) what is the total number of Capital Plan projects going on now and 2) what is the total aggregate dollar amount for improvements. Gary Hoy explained that there are 450 projects going on now and the total aggregate amount is over $400 million for improvements.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0211-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park with an amendment that General Manager Goldstein will bring back to the Commission in January a detailed timeframe on the design development construction award and bidding for this portion of the project and coordinate with the Stern Grove Festival Association so there are no conflicts in terms of construction.

PINE LAKE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Judi Mosqueda of DPW presented this item to the Commission for approval to apply, accept and expend 2 grants from the 2000 State Park Bond Act Non- Motorized Trails Program ($200,000) and Habitat Conservation Fund Program ($200,000). The funds would be used at Pine Lake for trail improvements, erosion control, and interpretive signs.

Pine Lake Park is located in the southwest portion of San Francisco, in Board of Supervisor District 4, less than one mile from the Pacific Ocean. Adjacent to Sigmund Stern Grove, Pine Lake Park covers approximately 31 acres and contains a lake, clubhouse, parking lot, significant natural areas and various trails.

An assessment of Pine Lake and Stern Grove Parks was recently completed. In addition, a draft Restoration and Management Plan has been prepared for Pine Lake Park that describes recommendations for habitat enhancement, restoration and protection.

The Recreation and Park Department is proposing to apply for a grant from the grant under the 2000 Bond Act Non-Motorized Trails Program to fund the Pine Lake Trail Improvement Project which includes approximately 1,500 linear feet of trails.

The objective of the Pine Lake Trail Improvement Project is to simultaneously improve passive recreational trail use and protection of the lake's sensitive natural resources. Recreational use will be improved by constructing trails, planting along the trail and installing interpretive signs around the park. Wildlife habitat in and around the lake will be improved by controlling erosion, developing a spatially separated trail, restoring native plant communities on the slopes and educating the park users. The Project includes four basic elements as follows: 1) trail rehabilitation; 2) trailside erosion control and fencing; 3) revegetation; and 4) interpretive programming.

Although the Administrative Code permits department heads to approve the application for State grants, the application for grants from the 2000 Bond Act Non-Motorized Trails Program requires an approved resolution from the applicant's governing body authorizing submittal of the application.

President Murray stated that this item was heard at a previous meeting and asked staff to explain if the revisions were embodied in the application. General Manager Goldstein explained that the State requested the Department put all revisions in a cover letter.

Mary McAllister stated the grant applications should be revised by removing the natural areas portion of the application. She spoke of the Board of Supervisors resolution on the natural areas program and if approved she will directly appeal to the State to deny these applications unless the implementation of the natural areas program is removed and if the State approves the grant applications she will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor not to accept the funding.

Andrea O'Leary representing EQUP stated that Pine Lake is quite a significant area and spoke about issues that she felt were necessary: 1) the temporary fence until the lake is reestablished, 2) the restricted recreational access for respecting recreational needs of everyone and 3) that everyone realize that trees are not being destroyed. She also stated that she is personally offended by the mean spiritedness she has encounter politically and stated that she supports the approval of the grant applications.

Lisa Vittori stated she would like the Commission to accept the funding with modifications. She spoke about people with disabilities walking with their service animal to maintain their health. She also stated the need to start a consensus first to remove the fence and whatever else Mary McAllister suggested.

Marybeth Wallace stated on behalf of Jeanne Darrah, her support for the applications, she and Jeanne are on the PROSAC committee and see the need for this project and to pursue any effort for funding. She also stated that she found it very offensive for someone from the public to threaten this Commission with State and Local action for disagreeing.

Bill Carlin stated that he understood the need for the City to work on the parks, the shortage of money and to apply for grant money but has an objection to this grant because it is tied in with the Natural Areas Program.

Pinky Kushner, Sierra Club stated that she supports the application. She also supported the temporary fence to protect the native plants stating that the fence will have two access points to the lake. She spoke about an article, which said the Recreation and Park Department had 10,000 volunteers in the year 2001 and a third, were with the Natural Area Program.

Nancy Wurfel spoke about the submission of the grant applications that contain

numerous references to implementing a natural area program at Pine Lake Park. She stated that she would like the grant to go forward only for the trails and signage and thinks that Isabel Wade proposal was excellent and is happy to support her, however, it is not appropriate to allow the grant go in the way it is written now because it is written heavily to fund the Natural Areas Program.

Marvin Cohen stated there will be people who will extend this project and hopes that he would see the lake as a natural lake in his lifetime.

Patrick Skain, resident on Crestlake Drive, stated as a Crestlake homeowner he welcomes the opportunity for improvements at Pine Lake Park and feels that natural area component should be contained in it. He spoke about erosion problem at Pine Lake and feels that if not controlled it will be a liability for the City. He stated that the Department should pursue these grants now.

Dylan Hayes representing Friends of Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park, stated the he supports this project to sustain Pine Lake Park and would like to see PROSAC District 4 work constructively with this project because it is an obvious need. He spoke about the positive support from the community for this project and the natural area program and asked the Commission to please move ahead with this item.

Commissioner Rebecca Prozan stated that it frustrates and saddens her to see people from the same community fight over one of San Francisco's jewels and probably one of the best parks that we have in the City. She wanted to remind everyone the presentation Michael Frank gave, talking about the crisis the Department is going to face. She also stated that in good conscience she could not not vote for the potential for State funding. She asked the people in audience to approach her after the meeting to explain why it is a bad thing to call Pine Lake a natural area. She further stated that she did not believe that the Commission is going against what Supervisor Yee and the Board of Supervisors voted on and the resolution that we voted on said that we will work with Citizens Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Chin stated that he wanted to associate his comments with very articulate thoughts of Commissioner Prozan and he was also disheartened when folks fight while having the same motivation in mind, to take care of the park and trusts that San Franciscan will be able to work things out. He spoke about living in this area for 10 years and his family going to the day camp. He feels that Pine Lake is a natural area and stated that the lake needs help and the building is in terrible shape and for him it's about the lake and what we need to do to bring that back.

Commissioner Bonilla commented that she has full confidence that the new advisory committee that has been formed to do the work and feels without a doubt they will contribute to this process and add significantly to the discussion on how we address the preservation and restoration of the native plants questions. She stated that in no way did the Board of Supervisors when putting forth a resolution asked the Commission to abdicate their responsibilities. She spoke about working side by side with the advisory committee to formulate a policy that the people of San Francisco will embrace.

President Murray stated that we will be dealing with these issues over the coming year along with our budget issues and would like to see a level of civility in this process. He spoke about San Francisco being a great city and one of the reasons people come to live in San Francisco because there is the opportunity to debate with respect.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0211-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply, accept, and expend two grants from the 2000 State Park Bond Act Non-Motorized Trails Program ($200,000) and Habitat Conservation Fund Program ($200,000). The funds would be used at Pine Lake for trail improvements, erosion control, and interpretive signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phillip Carlton, Watch Bison Committee spoke about what the committee has done for the for the bison paddock. He stated a proposal has made for the renovation of the bison paddock and staff said a drawing would be done which has not happened and feels that staff has lied and ignored them because there were a number of meetings that the Committee was not notified about. He also stated the Committee was disturbed by the way they have been treated by staff and would like to discuss with the General Manager and others in the decision making process. President Murray asked Commissioner Bonilla to work with the Committee and provide a report to the Commission at the next meeting.

Lisa Vittori, stated her concerned that the Commission was not as objective as she felt they should be.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

December 19, 2002

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, December 19, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
December 19, 2002 at 2:07 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President John Murray announced that item 4D. was removed from the consent calendar.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Billy Getty

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Larry Martin

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Gloria Bonilla

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Confined Space Rescue Training. Eighteen craftspeople from the Structural Maintenance Division completed a 3-day Confined Space Rescue Training Course. Enviro Safe Tech, from San Jose, conducted the classes on Dec. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This training, the first of its kind for the department, will enable the Structural Maintenance Division to perform confined space classified work; i.e., sewer sump repairs, gallery lighting repairs (in pools), and other designated confined spaces listed in the department's Safe Work Practices manual. The 18 staff will give the department a flexible resource pool to compose a 3-5 member rescue team when

their expertise is needed. The next phase is to acquire a full set of confined space rescue equipment to allow staff to perform this work. An anticipated start date for confined space rescue activities is January - March 2003 upon reception of the necessary equipment.

The Dog Advisory Committee held their second meeting on November 26th. The meeting was attended by over 100 community members expressing various viewpoints surrounding the Dog Policy and the topic as a whole. The Department learned the following week that Chairperson Mr. Ed Sayers, of the SPCA, resigned from the Committee and will recommend a new SPCA member for the Committee. The Department is working to identify a new Chair for the Committee which will meet again in January. In the meantime, the Department is conducting community meetings at various locations to establish or amend existing Dog Play Areas.

General Manager Goldstein recognized Michael Frank to do an update on the financial report to share information that was talked about at the Board of Supervisors Finance Committee meeting.

Michael Frank spoke about the budget instructions from the Mayor's office for all departments: 1) Current Year - reduce General Fund subsidy by 3%, 2) FY 2003/04 - absorb known increases of 4%, 3) FY 2003/04 - absorb, reduce, or solve forty one positions moved to Gift, Open Space, and Capital funds and 4) FY 2003/04 - develop an additional 5% contingency plan. He also spoke of the Department's plans for balancing the budget and developing a Budget Balancing Guidelines. He asked the Commission for input to incorporate into the Budget Balancing Guidelines to be presented at the next full Commission meeting. Commissioner Chin stated that a preliminary discussion of the Budget Balancing Guideline be done at the next Finance Committee meeting. After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the idea from DPT to generate revenue from parking at 3Com and the shuttle system, 2) maximizing Prop. 40 as a capital source, 3) internal resources - volunteerism, 4) maximizing staff for capital projects and 5) labor contract changes from the Mayor's office. General Manager Goldstein and Michael Frank addressed the Commission's concerns. Commissioner Lazarus stated that he would like to see a report on the labor contracts at a future Commission meeting. President Murray suggested that staff target items to be reduced and incorporate them into the budget guidelines.

General Manager Goldstein updated the Commission on: 1) the criteria established for the selection panel for management and operation of Lincoln Park, Sharp Park and Golden Gate Park golf courses and 2) the Natural Areas Citizen's Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0212-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the November 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0212-002

Donation From

Bronwyn Koterwas 1.0 Parakeet

120 Pierce Street USDA - no applicable

San Francisco, CA 94044

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve exceeding the San Francisco Zoo Warehouse Project base contract amount by 27%, which includes numerous orders and an additional 3% contingency to bring the project to construction completion. RES. NO. 0212-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the request by the South End Rowing Club to increase its membership fees. RES. NO. 0212-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the contract price from $1,237,234 to $1,338,525 in the form of a change order for contract number 0237J, Excelsior Playground/Lessing-Sears Mini Park project. RES. NO. 0212-005

GENERAL CALENDAR

APTOS PLAYGROUND

Dan Mauer presented to the Commission a capital improvement project for Aptos Playground.

Aptos Playground, which is located on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Aptos Avenue, is a neighborhood park facility that is situated on approximately a 5-acre site. Immediately to the north of the park sits Aptos Middle School and to the east are residential homes which back onto the park. The park is situated on a terraced parcel that is approximately 20' above Ocean Avenue on the southern edge and 15-20' below the adjoining neighbors to the eastern edge. This facility is uniquely located in the neighborhood in that it serves various residences from defined community groups including Ingleside Terrace, Mt. Davidson Manor and Balboa Terrace. The children who attend Aptos Middle School are also a primary user group of this open space.

Existing Features/Programs: Within this park facility there are several recreation elements, which include an open turf field/baseball diamond, a tennis court, a large unobstructed asphalt paved area, a small clubhouse and a children's play equipment area which no longer contains play equipment. The turf field/baseball diamond is used as a multipurpose field. It is used by the school as a soccer and flag football field during school hours and is used by Little League teams during evenings and weekends. The clubhouse is currently utilized as the Department's Latchkey headquarters. The building houses two staff members along with material and supplies for the program. The proposed plan identifies the demolition of the existing clubhouse. As part of this operation, the Latchkey group will be relocated to 3Com Park where they will occupy the vacant executive suites.

Proposed Improvements: The Recreation and Park Department, in conjunction with the Friends and Neighbors of Aptos Playground, have solicited community and user input to generate a conceptual improvement plan (master plan) which meets the needs of the neighbors and park users. This input was generated through a series of four community meetings as well as distributing two neighborhood surveys and based on all the feedback, staff has developed a phased master plan for this facility.

President Murray commented that this item was heard at the Finance Committee meeting and asked Dan Mauer to speak about the building proposed to be removed.

Dan Mauer spoke about the removal of the existing clubhouse that is 1,000 square feet and houses the Latchkey group. The Latchkey group will be temporarily relocated to Candlestick Point and occupy the vacant Giant's Executive Suites until a permanent home can be found. He explained that a new clubhouse will not be built but the proposed plan provides space for one in the future and temporarily the space will have a modular structure with prefabricated restrooms and storage for supplies and equipment.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0212-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for Aptos Playground Review Panel's recommendation for the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal phase.

HARDING GOLF COMPLEX RFP/MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Sean Sweeny presented this item to the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a supplemental appropriation for the lease finance of equipment and authorization to hire staff for Harding Park Golf Course.

Background: During the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2001/02 and after the Department submitted its annual budget request, the Board of Supervisors passed legislation authorizing the Department to construct a PGA championship golf course at Harding Park. Subsequent to this legislative action, the Department received specific guidelines related to staff and equipment needs for this golf course. The Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and the United States Golf Association (USGA), in conjunction with Department staff determined additional staffing and equipment necessary for the maintenance of the newly renovated Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses. It was also determined that existing staff and available equipment were not adequate to maintain Harding Golf Course at PGA tournament Standards.

Annual costs will be funded through the Golf Fund's associated revenues. In order to realize maximum resource efficiencies, these positions will be hired in a staggered manner commencing in March 2003, with all of the staff in place by the course's opening in the Summer of 2003. The Department will work with the Mayor's Office to determine the best course of action related to utilizing existing Department vacancies as creating new golf Fund positions.

New equipment will total $1,271,233 and will include a maintenance contract that will provide the Department with seamless equipment availability. The Department will work with the Mayor's Office of Finance to determine the best course of action related to a lease financing. We expect the annual cost to be approximately $200,000. Durable life for the majority of the mowers and other rolling stock is 7 years at which time the Department will seek and a new lease finance agreement. The Department is also seeking an additional $150,000 in materials and supplies in order to address the needs of the new turf and landscapes for the balance of the fiscal year. A 5-year projection of the overall revenues and expenses of the Golf Fund indicates adequate cash flow to maintain the proposed staff increases and equipment lease purchases.

Peter Ashe praised staff for the budget at Harding Park for maintenance. He spoke about the importance to protect the investment the Department has made to restore the golf course to a jewel that it once was and more importantly it will nullify the

residual anger that resides in the golf communities. He urges a unanimous vote by the Commission.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the condition of the course due to bad weather, 2) the storms causing significant mature tree loss, 3) the need for additional staff, 4) the opening date of the course, 4) the budget and revenue generated by the course when opened and 5) the potential to move gardeners from the general fund to the golf fund. General Manager Goldstein and Sean Sweeny addressed the Commission's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0212-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors a supplemental appropriation for the lease finance of equipment and authorization to hire staff for Harding Park Golf Course.

FRANKLIN SQUARE SOCCER FIELD AND YOUNGBLOOD COLEMAN FIELD ENOVATION

Keith Kawamura presented this item to Commission to award a construction contract to King C. Electric, Inc. for Franklin Square and Youngblood Coleman Fields Renovation.

Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to Franklin Square and Youngblood Coleman Fields Renovation Project. Of the 10 bids received, King C. Electric Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder submitting a construction base bid of $1,589,483 an alternate #1 bid of $5,000, an alternate #2 bid of $6,000, and an alternate #3b bid of $77,000. This cumulative bid is $509,016 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $2,186,499. Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate the 6-month construction project.

Project Description: Franklin Square is a park in the Mission District encompassing almost an entire block. It was last renovated in 1996 which included ADA accessibility improvements and the installation of a soccer sand field, underdrain system and Bermuda grass. The subsequent continuous and heavy use has shown that the grass cannot handle the heavy use and allow increased play throughout the year under all types of weather conditions.

The project scope will include re-grading and installation of the proper base material to support the artificial turf. The artificial turf will be installed with striping. The existing underdrain system will be retained to provide the required subsurface drainage. Existing retaining walls and fencing will be modified and/or salvaged for reinstallation. New chain link fencing will be installed where the existing fencing cannot be reused. The existing irrigation system will be removed and modified as needed. Additional path to the field will be provided and a damaged bench will be replaced.

Youngblood Coleman Playground is a multi-use facility including a grass play field, softball diamond, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas and a recreational clubhouse. It is located on a sloping site in the Bayview neighborhood with multiple terraces providing spaces for different uses.

This project will include the installation of artificial turf on the play field. (Due to the

heavy demands for continued play, the turf is run down, leaving a dirt field.) This will include re-grading and installation of the proper base material to support the artificial turf to be installed. New chain link fencing will be installed. An accessible pathway will be installed leading to the existing bleachers, which will be upgraded to provide areas for wheelchairs. The existing irrigation system will be removed and modified as needed.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual renovation plans on May 16, 2002 per the Resolution No. 0205-005 and 0205-006.

The City received a bid protest on December 6, 2002 from Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. They claim that there was a discrepancy between the synthetic turf specifications and the apparent low bidder's proposed system. They are also proposing an alternative product. DPW, Recreation and Park Department and the City Attorney's office are working together to resolve this prior to the awarding of a construction contract.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the total project cost and 2) the status of the bid protest. Keith Kawamura addressed the Commission's concerns.

Chris Duderstadt, Chair of the Groundsports Advisory Committee, spoke about the run down conditions of the soccer fields at Youngblood Coleman and Franklin Square and stated that by renovating these fields they will become premier facilities. He complimented staff on the field turf that was chosen and thanked the Commission for moving forward on this project. President Murray asked Chris Duderstadt if there were any issues with incremental injuries on this type of artificial turf. Chris Duderstadt explained that this turf is better than normal surfaces regarding injuries because the material used to make the artificial turf is granulated rubber that gives and when normal surfaces becomes wet it dries as hard as rock.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0212-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to King C. Electric, Inc.
for the base bid and alternates #1, 2 and 3b in the amount of $1,677,483 for the Franklin Square and Youngblood Coleman Fields Renovation Project.

HELEN WILLS PLAYGROUND

Lizzy Hirsch presented this item to the Commission for reclassification of `Helen Wills Playground' to `Helen Wills Park'.

Background: The development and classification of Parks as `Playgrounds' began during the early Twentieth century, as cities became increasingly more urban. The large scale Olmstedian pastoral type park that preceded these times was inapplicable in tight working class neighborhoods. Instead what evolved was the demand for local, highly programmed spaces that offered families with children a place to play. Not unlike today's thinking, physical activity was seen as essential to the development of a child for both the health benefits and the acquisition of social skills. It also provided an arena to occupy potentially wayward youth. However the design of these parks were driven by meeting recreational programming needs above all, resulting in highly utilitarian designs, as was the case for Helen Wills Playground.

With the new Capital Program and its renovation of various sites, it is an opportune moment to reconsider the role of Parks. In the case of Helen Wills, the proposed plan, approved in July by the Commission, was conceived not only as a place for children but for all generations, where one can either play, socialize, meditate or learn amongst a greener environment. The community has suggested the `Playground' classification, primarily associated with children's play, no longer fits the image of the place. Whereas the term Park, broader in meaning, suggests a more all inclusive place and one that is more in line with the proposed plan for Helen Wills.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the definition of parks and playgrounds, 2) other requests for change of status and 3) the number of playgrounds in San Francisco. General Manager Goldstein and staff addressed the Commissioner's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0212-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the reclassification of `Helen Wills Playground' to `Helen Wills Park'

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Elizabeth Goldstein presented this item to the Commission to approve the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement, with the San Francisco Zoological Society.

In 1993, the City and the San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) entered into a lease for the Zoo that transferred the responsibilities for the operation and long-term capital improvement for the facility to the SFZS. The relationship with the SFZS has led to essential improvements in animal care, visitor services and programming. It has also led to essential improvements significant capital improvements, including the recent opening of Zoo Street and the Lemur exhibit. (See attached materials on the recent accomplishments of the SFZS.)

The Lease and Management Agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and the SFZS is structured as a five-year lease with automatic renewals. The current lease term terminates on June 30, 2003. The lease specifies that if the Commission wishes to terminate the lease, it must provide notice to the SFZS by November 30 of the prior year. Since the Commission had not had the opportunity to discuss the renewal at its November meeting, the SFZS and John Murray, on behalf of the Recreation and Park Commission, negotiated an extension of that deadline to facilitate Commission discussion of the matter. (See attached letter extending the notification date under Section 2.2 of the Lease and Management Agreement, dated November 29, 2002.)

Elizabeth Goldstein met on two occasions with David Anderson and other Zoo representatives to discuss matters of mutual concern to the two parties. The two parties with to recommend to the Commission that we enter into a memorandum of agreement frame several methods of streamlining operations and decision making between the two entities. To improve upon the good working relationship with the Zoo it was agreed a MOA would protect the interests of both parties.

The mutual concerns discussed included:

Requirements of a proposed tax exempt bond sale by SFZS: The SFZS is contemplating

the sale of tax exempt bonds to aid in the implementation of the remainder of the Zoo's capital program. The Department and the SFZS have determined that it may be advantageous to extend the term of the lease beyond successive five-year periods to facilitate this bond issuance. It was determined that this issue should be addressed separately.

Financial Reporting: The Commission has expressed a desire to improve the availability of on-going financial information regarding SFZS operations. The SFZS has agreed to provide reports on a frequency and format requested by the Commission president. Proposed terms are attached.

Joint Zoo Committee: Both parties are interested in improving the working of the Joint Zoo Committee. Recommendations for mechanisms for this are included in the proposed terms attached.

Support for Veterinary Care at Other Park Facilities: Occasionally, RPD has need of emergency veterinary care. The Zoo has agreed to provide such services. Proposed terms are attached.

MOU Supplemental Agreement DRAFT

Financial Reporting - "The San Francisco Zoological Society agrees that pursuant to section 15.11 of the Lease and Management Agreement concerning maintenance of and access to financial records, the Society commits to providing financial information from its reports and records on a frequency and in a format reasonably acceptable to the President of the Recreation and Park Commission, provided that the same is generally consistent with the reports and records of the Society."

Joint Zoo Committee - "The Society and the Commission agree that the Joint Zoo Committee will be conducted in a manner generally consistent with other committees of the Recreation and Park Commission. This would include meeting structure, appending the agenda with background briefing reports, where applicable, and having a single committee chair designated jointly by the Commission and the Society and alternating annually between a Society and a Commission committee member."

Other Park Facilities - "The Society will provide veterinary care services as reasonably requested by the Department for animals in other park facilities and emergency veterinary care in Department supervised programs. This would be subject to standard reimbursement of any special expenses."

David Anderson stated General Manager Goldstein summarized their discussions very well and that the Board of Director's of San Francisco Zoological Society has approved the agreement. President Murray asked the General Manager to clarify what the Commission was approving. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Commission was approving the term sheet and she would negotiate the specific language for the MOU Supplemental Agreement for the next meeting.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) changes on the term sheet and 2) staff at the zoo look into resources for animal care.

Simon Day testified to the value of the zoo as a community resource. He spoke about the zoo being a great partner for his organization RCH formerly the Recreation Center for the Handicapped for the opportunity to use the site for training and employing people with disabilities.

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and duly seconded the following resolution

was adopted:

RES. NO. 0212-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement, with the San Francisco Zoological Society. Explanatory document: Terms of Memorandum of Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Duderstadt, representing the Alliance at Golden Gate Park, stated their concerns regarding: 1) the formalizing of the Fellowship Gardens on 8th Avenue, 2) the blocked access to the AIDS Memorial Grove and 3) if the Commission was aware that the Concourse Authority has approved a project to remove and replace the pedestrian tunnels at Golden Gate Park. He hopes that the project to remove the pedestrian tunnels will be on the next agenda and that the Commission has the opportunity to review the EIR. President Murray asked General Manager Goldstein: 1) when will the designs come before the Commission for formal approval, 2) when will the Commission received the documents and 3) if staff could make sure that the Commission received the formal documents early for review. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Concourse Authority would make their presentation at the Commission meeting in January and the documentation will be sent to the Commission as early as possible. President Murray encouraged Chris Duderstadt to put his concerns in writing so when the Commission receives the material those items will be there as a reminder. Chris Duderstadt asked the Commission if the Alliance could request a little more than three minutes. President Murray stated that this was not an unfair request.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she was inquiring about the situation at Ferry Park that President Murray came down to see. President Murray updated the Commission about concerns that Ernestine Weiss had about a group that plays pickup games at Ferry Park at the Embarcadero Center and stated that he will be having a lunch meeting tomorrow with the woman who heads the group. Ernestine Weiss asked President Murray to explain to the group the concerns of the people who live in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

January 16, 2003

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
January 16, 2003 at 2:08 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President John Murray announced that Item #8 would be heard out of order and would follow Item #12.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Billy Getty

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Storm Damage: This past month's storms have created havoc throughout the park system. To date, 200 large trees have failed or have been removed because of storm related damage. Over 500 trees have received attention for the Urban Forestry staff because of the heavy rains and strong winds. Flooding also closed portions of Martin Luther King Drive for over 24 hours. Maintenance staff will work with the Capital Division to develop a new drainage design to minimize road closures in the Park during heavy rainfall. Flooding also occurred at Candlestick Park. Staff from the Department and PUC addressed the issue and minimized any inconvenience to the public.

Damage at Harding Park Golf Course included tree failures and damage and significant erosion on the 10th, 14th, and 15th fairways. The Capital Division staff is working with the design team from the PGA to develop a new drainage system that will move water from the course without promoting erosion on the steep banks surrounding Lake Merced.

United States Youth Games. Scott Golde, Youth Games Coordinator has been working on housing arrangements for the athletes, coaches, chaperones and parents. He has also met with many of the event chairs to keep abreast of their progress.

The Safety Committee has a commitment from the SFPD. Chief Sanders has appointed Commander Dudley to assist with our planning. Police presence has been secured for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. There will also be an officer from the Juvenile Division, who will serve as liaison to the SFPD from the USYG Safety Committee.

Scott Golde, attended the Fall Coordinators Meeting, December 11-13, and has received some rough numbers for projected attendance and interested cities. Letters from the Mayor and/or General Manager will be sent to Mayors and Parks Directors of selected cities in January.

Randall Museum. Fall Classes ran through December. 317 children and adults have registered for classes, ranging from ceramics to woodworking to telescope making.

A canoe trip at Bair Island, near Redwood City was held, with 25 children and adults participating. Everyone learned about the sloughs of the San Francisco Bay and the wildlife that abounds in these interesting habitats. This outing was part of the Museum's Ecological Fieldtrips series and has proven to be a great success.

Randall Museum Holiday Gift Making and School Break Classes. The Museum offered 16 workshops throughout December. 130 children and adults made holiday gifts such as paperclay ornaments and jewelry pins. During the winter break, children were able to take classes about paper airplanes or make frog clay whistles.

Events of Last Month: The holiday season saw many holiday events throughout the Department. Holiday celebrations of note occurred at the Minnie & Lovie Ward, Joseph Lee, Palega, & Sunset Recreations Centers.

Follow-Up from Past Commission Meetings: Golden Gate Park maintenance and Capital Division staff developed a plan to provide access for maintenance vehicles in the National Aids Memorial Grove (NAMG). Improvements to specific areas in the western end of the Grove hampered vehicular access for maintenance staff.

In order to address this issue, the Department will purchase a ramp for the western staircase that will facilitate vehicle access to the far western end of the Grove. The Department will also review and approve the installation by NAMG of turf blocks for the meadow area that will allow large vehicles to have full access to the valley floor of the Grove. The Capital and Maintenance staff have also agreed to meet on a monthly basis with NAMG staff to minimize future conflicts between improvement projects and maintenance requirements.

Isabel Wade, PROSAC Chair, gave the PROSAC report to the Commission. (see attached)

President John Murray asked: 1) if PROSAC provided staff a form with their request for additional details on capital matters and 2) for a meeting to discuss PROSAC's suggestions with Commission. Ms. Wade explained that PROSAC has begun designing a

form detailing PROSAC's request and it will
be provided to staff as soon as it completed. Commissioner Prozan stated that she would attend the next PROSAC meeting to try and help things run smoothly.

Michael Frank gave a presentation on the budget and: 1) spoke about the $5.8 million budget reduction required for next fiscal year, 2) explained a slide of the Department's growth over time which was requested by the Board of Supervisor's at the last Finance Committee hearing, 3) spoke of gardeners and recreational staff average FTE's worked, 4) spoke about the new park and recreation facilities/programs since 1994 and 5) the budget timeline.

Commissioner Chin stated that he received a notice regarding the community budget hearings by district and asked if the Commission would be receiving a written report from comments at these hearings before the Finance Committee meeting on the February 6th. General Manager Goldstein explained that a written report would be given to the Commission prior to the special meeting on February 10, 2003.

General Manager Goldstein gave a presentation on the RPD Organizational Structure. She spoke about the: 1) goals for reorganization, 2) proposed structure, 3) operations organizational charts, 4) central services, 5) citywide services and 6) neighborhood services.

Commissioner Chin asked General Manager Goldstein to explain if the boxes on the organization chart represented individual positions. He also asked that the Commission be provided with additional details regarding the direct reports for the Director of Operations. President John Murray requested that new head count be provided to the Commission in addition to Commissioner Chin's request. General Manager Goldstein addressed Commissioner Chin and President John Murray concerns.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the relationship between the owner and the people who run each of the facilities, 2) the status of the Director of Operations position, 3) if the position was not filled are there any components of the proposed structure that would affect this plan to go forward and 4) the City's status on release of requisitions for vacant but authorized positions.

Nancy Wurfel a member of PROSAC stated her concerns about: 1) the $500,000 cost for park managers, 2) the cost of additional or upgrades to existing FTEs, 3) the quadrants and managers, and 4) the use of the open space fund. General Manager Goldstein explained to Ms. Wurfel that she would address her concerns as part of the operational review presentation at next month's meeting. Philip Carleton asked how the reorganization would affect the area managers in Golden Gate Park. General Manager Goldstein explained that the area managers would not be affected. President John Murray asked: 1) if there would be public hearings on the reorganization and 2) if it would be appropriate to post the plan on the website. General Manager Goldstein addressed President John Murray's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0301-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the December 2002 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for

the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0301-002

Donation To

Bronwyn Koterwas 1.0 Parakeet

120 Pierce Street, #6 USDA - not applicable

San Francisco, CA 94044

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend
a gift of $200,000 from the Strybing Arboretum Society to the Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens for employment of an additional Recreation and Park Department gardener at the Arboretum for an initial period of three years. RES. NO. 0301-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a contribution from Albertson's Market for a maximum amount of $500,000, towards the renovation of the Children's Playground at Lincoln Park. RES. NO. 0301-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the collection of parking fees seven days a week at the Golden Gate Park Concourse.

RES. NO. 0301-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve an increase in specific class fees at the Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park. RES. NO. 0301-006

GENERAL CALENDAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Murray was re-elected as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

Commissioner Murray thanked everyone and stated that it truly was a privilege to serve both the City and the Department it involves a lot of work at trying to make the many divergent opinions heard and considered. He spoke about his plans to work as hard in the future as in the past and appreciates what he considers the best Commission in terms of working together for the public good.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Murray, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Getty was re-elected as Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

Commissioner Getty stated it will be a pleasure to serve under Commissioner Murray's guidance again.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MUSIC CONCOURSE

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission to approve a request from the California Academy of Science to produce a two-day "150th Anniversary Festival" at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Description: the California Academy of Science would like to celebrate their 150th Anniversary with a fun-filled two-day public celebration at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2003 and clean up will be completed by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003. Team PRO has been contracted to produce this unique, once-in-a-lifetime event consisting of music, speeches, entertainment, multi-cultural performances, natural sciences interpreters and speakers, food, children's entertainment and activities, publishers' work showcase and arts and crafts showcase. The event will take place in the entire Music Concourse and the surrounding paid parking areas.

California Academy of Sciences is seeking permission to bring in a Century Ferris Wheel with round cars, with umbrella tops and riders will sit in a circle to enjoy views in all directions. The Ferris Wheel was at one time the only ride at the World's Fairs of yesteryear, thereby making the Ferris Wheel relevant to the celebration of history. Having the Ferris Wheel for this one time event will add to the unique moment in time. Like other world-class cities, a Ferris Wheel provides classic, authentic entertainment. There might be a small fee charged for the ride to cover the expense of the Ferris Wheel.

This two-day festival will also serve as the opening ceremony for the closing ceremonies for the California Academy of Science, one of the largest cultural institutions in San Francisco. The California Academy of Science will close for major renovations before the year is over.

History: This is a first time request. In years past, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has approved the many special events of the California Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park. The Department has worked closely with Team PRO for many years with the North Beach Festival.

Sandy Lee stated that the parking lot would be used for the event the Department would be reimbursed for the loss of revenue and introduced Steve Bajor representing Team PRO Events.

Steve Bajor, CEO, Team PRO Event gave a presentation about the operation and logistics of the event.

Chris Duderstadt stated his concerns about the rodent problem at the proposed children's activity area and that the surface is not level and dangerous for children. He asked the Department to look into these problems before the event. President John Murray asked the representative from the California Academy of Sciences to assure the Commission that they will work with the promoter to address the rodent problem and explain how the issue was resolved with a memo to General Manager Goldstein. Molly Cargas, respresenting the California Academy of Sciences agreed that they will work on resolving the issue with the promoter and commented to the Commission that the California Academy of Sciences will be closing temporarily by the end of 2003 and this event will serve as a closing ceremony.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the traffic concerns from Opera in the Park, 2) the estimated attendance 3) the cost for admissions and activities, 4) California Academy of Sciences being open during the event and 5) special plans to welcome additional visitors. Sandy Lee and Molly Cargas addressed the Commission's concerns. Commissioner Chin asked that the California

Academy of Sciences submit a transportation plan.

President John Murray asked the City Attorney to advise the Commission on the form of the motion. City Attorney Virginia Dario Elizondo advised the Commission to make two motions and two votes. President John Murray asked Sandy Lee if the payments arrangements will be paid in advance to the event and the Department has a check two-weeks before the event occurs. Sandy Lee explained that the Department will be paid in advance and if the Ferris Wheel is approved it will have a bond of $20,000.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an exception to the Recreation and Park Commission Permit and Reservation Policy to allow the use of motorized amusement rides as part of the "150th Anniversary Festival at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on September 6-7, 2003.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the California Academy of Science's request to produce a two (2) day "150th Anniversary Festival at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park (September 6-7, 2003) with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound on September 6, 2003 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on September 7, 2003 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, to sell beer and wine.

BEACH CHALET STORE

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission to approve the Lease between the City and the San Francisco Stores LLC in the Beach Chalet building.

Background: The Department of Administrative Services began the City Store program in 1995 with the opening of the Pier 39 location in October of that year. The intent of the program is to generate income for the City, promote City merchandise to the tourist industry, encourage the hiring of low-income residents for entry-level training, and to provide an opportunity for local vendors to showcase their talents and products.

The current City Store locations are in the Beach Chalet Building and City Hall. The Beach Chalet location first opened in October of 1997 after restoration of the Beach Chalet building, which included redesigning the lounge area in the North end of the building into a gift shop. After the Pier 39 location closed, the Beach Chalet City Store became the highest grossing City Store location, key to the viability of the program.

The City's Department of Administrative Services issued an RFP on April 6, 2001 for the operation of the two City Stores. The other location is at City Hall. The contract was awarded to San Francisco City Stores LLC (the "Operator"). The Operator will pay fourteen percent (14%) of net Revenue on a monthly basis to the City's General Fund as required under the License and Operating Agreement (the "Operating Agreement") with the Department of Administrative Services. However, since the Beach Chalet location is on park property, the operator is also required to enter into a separate lease agreement with the Recreation and Park Department. In the past, rent for the

Beach Chalet City location was $1.00 per year. In the new Lease, the Department will receive an average of $1,000.00 per month rent for the first two years of the contract, which was based upon fair market rental, a reimbursement for the insurance premiums for the premises, and $50 per month for utilities, excluding telephone service. The term of our Lease is two years with one three-year option to renew (this is to coincide with the terms of the Operating and License Agreement), and is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Recreation and Park Commission based upon the Tenant reaching a minimum of 90% of $83,300, or $74,970, in gross sales for each of the initial two (2) years of the Term, or prorated portions thereof. Should the Agreement be extended, the rent will be adjusted annually beginning the third year of the Lease, based upon the CPI Adjustment Index at the end of each twelve (12) month period.

The Operator has proposed a project team that includes members of the group that created the successful San Diego City Stores. The Operator promises to provide a new and exciting approach to the operation of the City Stores. The Operator will provide retail management, merchandising and marketing for the sale of City-approved or City-licensed items at the San Francisco City Stores. Many of the items to be sold are products the City uses or produces in the course of its everyday work, and new merchandise such as souvenirs that promote the City, its sites and activities. Operator will also have the responsibility to sell premium Recreation and Park Department produced merchandise, as it becomes available. Although not a requirement, the goal of the Operator is to provide transitional employment and training opportunities by hiring entry-level employees making the transition from welfare to work.

Highlighted terms of the Lease are:

· Term of the new Lease is for two years with one three-year option to renew.

· Exercising the renewal options is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Commission based upon the Tenant reaching a minimum of 90% of $83,300, or $74,970, in gross sales for each of the initial two (2) years of the Term, or prorated portions thereof.

· Commencement date of the Lease is scheduled for February 1, 2003.

· Tenant shall pay a monthly rent of $500 for the first 6 month period, $800 for the second 6 month period, $1,200 for the third 6 month period, and $1,500 for the fourth 6 month period. This is equal to an average of $1,000 per month rent for the first two years of the contract.

· Rent will be adjusted annually beginning the third year of the Lease based upon the CPI Adjustment Index at the end of each twelve (12) month period.

· Tenant shall pay 7% of the insurance premiums, approximately $420.00 prorated for five months of FY 2002/03, for the 450 square foot portion of the Beach Chalet building that they will occupy.

· Tenant shall pay $50 per month for utilities (excludes telephone service).

· The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

· Department of Administrative Services will provide staff to serve as project manager and contract administrator for the City Store.

This item was heard by the Finance and Administration Committee on January 2,

2003. To clarify, the adjustment language in Section 5.1 states that "If the Term is extended pursuant to Section 4.6 above, then beginning on the first day of the third year of the Lease and continuing every twelve (12) months thereafter (each, an "Adjustment Date") during the Term the City shall increase the then current Rent as described in Subsection (a) below at the end of each twelve (12) month period. The Committee recommended the approval of the Lease as presented with the stipulation that the Tenant's Annual Operating Plan be submitted to the full Commission at the meeting on January 16, 2003.

Commissioner Prozan spoke about the City Store project as being her first assignment at City Hall and stated that she was very excited about this project.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Lease between the City and San Francisco City Stores LLC for the operation of a City Store in the Beach Chalet building.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - PERMIT AND RESERVATION FEES

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve a fee package of specific fees related to the existing Permits and Reservations Policy.

Background: The Recreation and Park Department staff is currently reviewing and updating the existing Permit and Reservation Policy. Fees related to this Policy have not been updated since the early 1980's. Following review by staff of the existing fee structure, along with similar fees for surrounding municipalities and comparable cities nationwide, the staff recommended a list of increases.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the last fee increase, 2) raising all fees, 3) instituting an automatic Bay Area CPI adjustment on an annual basis, 4) wedding fees, 5) criteria used to set fees, 6) permit requirements during the busy season, 7) the General Manager having the authority to waive fees, 8) how soon to increase fees, 9) marketing and 10) cost recovery fees for service and labor. Sandy Lee and General Manager Goldstein address the Commission's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve a fee package of specific fees related to the Permits and Reservations Policy of the Recreation and Park Commission.

CANDLESTICK PARK

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission to approve a license for the use of Candlestick Park for the purpose of exhibiting a Christine Payer and Worship Gathering event.

Background: The Call ("Licensee") has requested the use of Candlestick Park ("Stadium"), as shown in Exhibit A, as the venue for the large scale Christian Prayer and Worship Gathering event next spring. The proposed date is April 5, 2003, and the estimated attendance for the event is 50,000 people. The event will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Call , over the last two years, has organized massive gatherings in Washington D.C., New York, Boston and various cities internationally, calling youth and parents to a 12-hour solemn conciliation of prayer, fasting and worship. The work closely with local churches and senior directors to create a strong local interest in the event. The event includes music as a background for the activities of the day. This assembly will include motivational speakers, such as Bill McCartney, President of the Promise Keepers, and Christian musicians, as well as local dignitaries.

There will be no admittance charge, however there will be a fee of $10 per automobile and $30 per bus to park. The Department has received Licensee's $10,000 deposit for the event. Full payment of the $70,000 License fee for the Event, and $80,000 security deposit to cover the reimbursable expenses and any potential damage will be made three weeks in advance of the event, pending Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Police Department approval.

The Event will have a small (60' x 80') stage set up at the North end of the playing field, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., a wide variety of music will be performed by live bands, some to underscore the speakers. It is likely there will be a choir and some dancers. Attendees will be both in the stands and standing or sitting on the field. A media booth will be set up near the 50-yard line on one side of the field, and one on the other side of the field for disabled persons. There will be some booths set up in various concourse areas to give away materials and books. The only thing for sale will be bottled water.

The Licensee will provide volunteers to police the field and stands where participants are, to keep any litter from accumulating. Their volunteers will also provide any required ushering services and security inside the stadium to supplement the San Francisco Police Department. Additionally, the San Francisco Police Department will provide security at the entrance and the perimeter of the stadium. Licensee will be responsible for providing medical personnel (minimum 16 licensed EMT's), a first aid facility, one on site ambulance and one on-call, and San Francisco fire marshals if the attendance is over 40,000. They will provide portable toilets in the parking lot.

The proposed License agreement presented today for approval represents an opportunity for the Department to earn a License fee of $70,000 and an estimated $64,048 from parking during the Term of the Agreement.

This item was heard by the Finance and Administration Committee on December 5, 2002. The Committee recommended that this item be passed on to the Commission's consent calendar with the stipulation that the facility reservation deposit be increased from $10,000 to $20,000. The additional $10,000 must be received no later than Monday, December 16, 2002 in the form of a cashier's check. No later than March 14, 2003, the $50,000 balance of the rental fee is due in the form of a cashier's check.

Commissioner Prozan stated her concerns about the contract compliance of this organization in terms of their nondiscrimination policy and when going to their website to review it, she noticed the promoter had already showed the event in April at 3Com. Chris Mack explained that he recently saw the posting a day to two ago. Commissioner Prozan stated to her understanding that it is not within the bounds of the contract and seemed a little premature for that to have happen. Charlie Gay, the promoter explained that since the deposit was paid, it was an oversight that another approval was needed and this was the first time they gone through this procedure. In

relationship to the event he spoke about: 1) the issues within the church, 2) the youth of today and 3) his background. Commissioner Lazarus asked staff: 1) if the promoter would be able fulfill their obligations and 2) to comment about the support or opposition of the event. Chris Mack addressed Commissioner Lazarus concerns.

President John Murray stated that there had not been concerns expressed about the ability to conduct the event in a way consistent with the facility but there have been questions about the organization sponsoring the event and their policies and practices. He spoke about whether or not it is within the Commission's purview to consider because of the many provisions when leasing a facility with the City especially that relate to behavior.

John Laskin stated he did not oppose this project.

On motion made by Commissioner Larazus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a license for the use of Candlestick Park for the purpose of exhibiting a large scale Christian Prayer and Worship Gathering event on April 5, 2003.

Ayes: President John Murray, Commissioner Getty, Commissioner Bonilla, Commissioner Chin, and Commissioner Lazarus

Nos: Commissioner Prozan

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

General Manager Goldstein introduced this item to the Commission to approve a lease and maintenance agreement between the San Francisco Zoological Society and Recreation and Park Department.

She spoke about the discussion at the December Commission meeting regarding the MOU provisions for the lease renewal. Mutual terms have been worked out between the Department and the San Francisco Zoological Society, which have been reformatted into MOU form.

Commissioner Bonilla spoke about being on the Joint Zoo Committee and at every meeting it has been clearly raised that she is the only Commissioner present. She stated that the Joint Zoo Committee as a fully constituted body requires three Commissioners and three members of Zoological Society to be present at the monthly meetings. She emphasized the need to have the Commission become involved and demonstrate to the Zoological Society that the Commission is supportive of all projects and providing input to enhance the opportunity for the Zoo to succeed. President John Murray thanked Commissioner Bonilla for stating her concerns and spoke about the conversations he had with General Manager Goldstein and Dave Anderson, which addressed Commissioner Bonilla's concerns. He stated that one reason for this item was rather than accept the status quo which was not satisfactory to either the Zoo or the Department an intentional effort was made to address the weaknesses of this Committee that has not made been as effective as it can be and will be in the future. He also stated for the Commission that with the approval of this document there would be a five-year rollover of the existing lease.

Philip Carleton stated that he had a 1993 version and could not make it to the

December Commission meeting and asked if this item was regarding the books and records audit. He also stated that this agreement is wise considering the Zoo's financial situation. General Manager Goldstein explained that the comments on the MOU does not modify the lease it sets an interpretation within the context of the lease of certain procedures and agreements between the Zoological Society and the Department about how we will proceed.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the San Francisco Zoological Society.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - STRATEGIC PLAN

Lydia Zaverukha presented this item to the Commission to approve the Department's 2002 Strategic Plan. She spoke about: 1) the Department's Strategic Planning, 2) the Mission Statement, 3) Core Values, 4) Strategic Objectives and 5) Next Steps.

Background: As presented in the General Manager's monthly reports to the Commission over the last several months, the Department and community representatives have been diligently working on a revised Strategic Plan for the Department. It is with great pleasure that the attached 2002 Strategic Plan is presented to the Commission.

The Recreation and Park Department embarked on its strategic planning efforts in April of 2000, when the consulting firm, Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG), was hired to assist the Department in producing a strategic plan as mandated by San Francisco voters in March 2000. Cross disciplinary strategy teams were formed, events informing the staff and the public regarding the progress of the teams' work took place, a draft strategic plan was produced in December 2000 and was presented to the Commission the following month.

In early 2001, the Neighborhood Parks Council secured philanthropic funding from the Gerbode Foundation to fund the next phase of strategic planning: a collaborative stakeholder process to bring the draft plan to the next level. Led by a consultant, Leon Younger, Department staff, as well as other city, state and federal agencies and community stakeholders gathered together to ensure that the community's perspective was appropriately reflected in the Department's strategic plan. Their work resulted in the Strategies Matrix presented to the Commission in December 2001. This matrix of recommendations reflected a much anticipated and welcome outcome: the great majority of recommendations corresponded to the recommendations made in the 2000 draft strategic plan.

At this juncture, the Strategies Matrix and the draft plan of 2000 needed to align into one clear, concise document reflecting the dedicated work of the Department and the community. Hence, 2002 brought a continuation of the strategic planning process, facilitated by Jodi Darby of the Controller's City Projects Team. The Department and the community again joined together to review in greater depth some of the issues still unresolved by strategic planning and, based on these discussions, additional recommendations were developed. The draft plan of 2000, the matrix and these additional recommendations were then combined and became Chapter 6 of the new strategic plan. In that chapter, the updated strategic objectives for the Department are presented along with strategies and tactics recommended to achieve the

objectives. The strategic objectives are:

· Excellent Parks and Programs

· Organizational Excellence

· Comprehensive Recreational Programming

· Maximize Resources

· Environmental Sustainability

· Community Participation

· Community and Customer Service

The objectives closely parallel those presented in the draft plan of 2000 with one notable difference: Environmental Sustainability appropriately rose to greater prominence as a result of the stakeholder process. The Department received a clear message regarding the significant role it must continue to play in protecting the City's environment.

With the completion of the alignment of the recommendations from the various phases of strategic planning, key elements typically considered in strategic planning were missing from the planning efforts to date. The planning groups needed to develop or revise the mission, vision and values of the Department. The new mission statement was developed in a collaborative discussion between the staff and community representatives. It is:

"The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's mission is

to provide enriching recreational activities,

maintain beautiful parks,

and preserve the environment

for the well-being of our diverse community.

The vision, found in Chapter 3 of the strategic plan, is based on discussions with staff and the community in the previous phases of strategic planning, as well as a brainstorming session of the Executive Staff of the Department. The Department benefited from the skills of a professional writer in the final presentation of the vision, as well as in the editing the overall document and the preparation of the history piece.

The final piece of the puzzle was put in place when the values were finalized. Once again, Executive Staff of the Department answered the call by reviewing the values expressed in the previous phases of strategic planning and bringing them together for the final document. The core values of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department are:

Working Well Together

Great Customer Service

Always Dependable

Inspiring Innovation

Excellence in Everything

Upon Commission approval, the Department plans to present the 2002 Strategic Plan to the staff through a series of special meetings and to the public via presentations at the District Park Planning meetings.

President John Murray spoke about this process starting not long after he joined the Commission. He stated that this is one area he expresses a great deal of pride and attribution to the staff. He also spoke about the strategic plan as being very critical to what the Department does going forward and the list of contributions which reflects that people believe in this plan and are going to embrace and it embody in our efforts. He stated that he could not be more proud of the document in terms of the staff effort, the open process and the people who worked very hard over a long period of time to have good strategic plan in place, which is a significant achievement.

General Manager Goldstein wanted to add her personal thanks to Lydia who had shepherded this complex and intricate process. She also commented on the incredible number of people brought together to achieve this plan in the end. She thanked Lydia for her incredible efforts and spoke about the strategic plan as being coherent, responsible, fair and visionary.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to explain: 1) how this document will be used, 2) if it can be assured that this document will be used when decisions are being made and 3) how the Commission will be updated on implementation issues. General Manager Goldstein explained the plan that is now in place drives the Department's decisions on choices: 1) budget discussions in terms of resources, 2) organizational changes, 3) operational planning, 4) reconciliation and accountability system and 5) performance expectations for all staff.

Emeric Kalman stated his concern that the strategic plan was a big project and asked if the cost of the consultants and hours for staff and resources were recorded. General Manager Goldstein explained that the initial contract cost was $225,000, funding was through private resources and a philanthropic grant from the Garbodi Foundation in the amount of $25,000 for the stakeholder phase and the hours for staff and the community who worked on this project were not tallied up. She reminded Mr. Kalman that there are multiple requirements in the City's Charter as well as the Department's own direction that was required to achieve the strategic plan. Mr. Kalman spoke about a strategic plan being due two years ago and asked staff if a report was available of actual saving to the Department. General Manager Goldstein explained that a first draft was submitted two years ago and strategic planning documents do not necessary yield savings. Mr. Kalman asked why was the strategic plan necessary if it does not show factual results, which are defined by dollars. General Manager Goldstein explained that in the beginning of the plan there are accomplishments that have already begun which the Department anticipates many more significant ones as we move forward. John Laskin stated his concerns regarding the strategic plan that: 1) instead of people contributing hours to this plan they should have contributed dollars to the Department and 2) there is a conflict between spending money on a strategic plan that violates the budgetary guidelines. President John Murray stated that having alignment between our strategic goals and our budget while making sure we are doing things that people are telling us is important to

having done with their dollars is the Department's job.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's 2002 Strategic Plan.

DEVELOPMENT OF BUDGET BALANCING GUIDELINES

Michael Frank presented this item to the Commission to approve guidelines for balancing the budget in present and future fiscal years. He spoke about: 1) the mission of the Department, 2) probability of implementation, 3) budget balancing guidelines and 4) the budget timeline.

Background/Description: The Mayor's Budget Office projects a $200 million budget shortfall in FY 2003-2004. This estimate assumes current spending levels and no new wage increases for City employees. The projected shortfall is expected to be worsened by the impact of reductions in state and federal funding. Tax revenue decreases, led by sales and hotel tax losses, has continued and is expected to remain weak for the near future.

As part of the Mayor's policy instructions on the budget, departments have been asked to reduce current year General Fund spending by 3%. To the extent that the 3% reduction is not ongoing in nature, the remainder needs to be made up in FY 2003/04 of approximately 4%. Lastly, City departments are being asked to develop an additional 5% reduction contingency plan. As the State budget crisis continues to worsen, the Mayor's Budget Office has indicated that it is likely that departments will need to attain this additional 5% reduction.

In addition to the above, the Recreation and Park Department was asked to address the one-time gift and Open Space Fund monies used in FY 2002/03 to balance the budget. These amount to approximately an additional $1.8 million. The total reduction target for FY 2003/04 is $5.8 million. The following chart summarizes the targets needed to balance the Department's budget in FY 2003/04.

3% Reduction	$1.1
4% Cost absorption	$1.2
Positions funded with Gift Funds in FY 2002/03	$0.9
Positions moved to Open Space Fund in FY 2002/03	$0.9
5% Contingency	$1.7
TOTAL	$5.8 M

It is important for department staff, advocates, and the general public to understand and have input into the approach that the Department and Commission are using to base their budget balancing actions.

The Mayor's budget policy instructions to the Departments states, "Prioritize direct public services over all other budget expenditures. Departments should exhaust all other revenue generating and expense reduction opportunities before proposing reductions in direct budget service." The following are draft guidelines that clarify

and support the Mayor's direction. They set a policy framework for future decision-making by staff and the Commission.

¬ Prioritize core programs supporting the Department's mission

¬ Maximize revenue generating opportunities

¬ Continue department improvement initiatives and efforts

¬ Maintain preventative maintenance levels, particularly on new facilities

¬ Maintain funding that leverages external financial and volunteer resources

¬ Strive for geographic and economic equity in reductions

¬ Pursue public/private and public/non-profit partnerships

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· Focus on partnerships with expertise outside of the department

· Enhance customer opportunities, experience, and service

After the presentation the Commissioner's discuss the following concerns: 1) how health and safety issues overlays with the budget, 2) repeating the comment strive to prevent further reduction, 3) the position of non-core programs that generate significant revenue, 6) the priority of core/non-core program, 7) staff getting as many ideas from the public is helpful, 8) grouping of passive activity. General Manager Goldstein and Michael Frank addressed the Commission's concerns.

Arthur Chang representing PROSAC stated his concerns about: 1) inappropriate uses of the Open Space Fund and 2) the Harding Park payback provision. He urged the Commission as a motion from PROSAC not to use the Open Space money to balance the Department's Budget because it is not authorize by the Proposition. President John Murray addressed Mr. Chang concern regarding the Harding Park payback provision which is included in the financial structure that when the course reopens it will be beneficial to the Open Space Fund. He also addressed the use of the Open Space Fund in budget this year and at this point in this process nothing is off the table and the Commission is looking at every revenue source and every dollar that is being spent.

John Laskin disagreed with the previous speaker. He spoke about times being difficult and will be getting worse. He recommended to General Manager Goldstein to use the Open Space Fund because the Department needs the money to maintain the facilities.

Emeric Kalman asked if there were any saving incentive programs for employees. General Manager Goldstein explained to the Commission they can add saving incentive programs for employees if they choose.

President John Murray asked staff to bring back on the next agenda the legality of an employee incentive program.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the guidelines for balancing the budget including Health and Safety in present and future fiscal years.

GOLDEN GATE PARK CONCOURSE PARKING GARAGE

Michael Ellzey, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, Executive Director, presented this item to the Commission to reject or approve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Resolution approving the final Design Development of the Underground Parking Facility in the Music Concourse.

Background: In 1998, the voters of San Francisco approved the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act, also known as Proposition J. This Act established the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority for the purpose of overseeing a series of capital and transportation improvements in Golden Gate Park, all of which will be developed consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

One of the Authorities responsibilities under Proposition J is to "design and construct and Underground Parking Facility" in the Music Concourse, using exclusively private funds. This parking facility is (1) to be located beneath the surface in the Music Concourse; (2) to have between 800 - 1000 parking spaces; and (3) to have a dedicated entrance and exit which originates from out the Park.

The Underground Parking Facility project has evolved over two years through extensive public involvement. During the "conceptual design" process, the Authority convened four community workshops in locations throughout the City. As a result of this public process, the conceptual design was refined and the Authority selected a "preferred schematic design" in February 2002.

In September 2002, the Authority qualifiedly approved "Design Development," subject to (1) the project being within the stipulated project budget; and (2) refinements and further presentation to the project areas where the parking facility "touches" the Park at surface.

In November, the Concourse Authority convened a "Study Session," during which the Board and community participated in a discussion on the improved Design Development of the Underground Parking Facility.

On December 2nd, the Authority convened a "special meeting" and approved final Design Development for the parking facility project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County of San Francisco approve the final Design Development of the Underground Parking Facility in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park, as provided in The Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998 (Proposition J).

Coordination: This project has been and continues to be developed in close coordination with the City Architect, the City Attorney, the Recreation and Park Department, Department of Parking and Traffic, the Planning Department, MUNI and a number of city departments and public agencies. In addition, regular coordination and collaboration occurs with the California Academy of Sciences and the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum. Finally, the Authority staff and its consultants participate regularly in meetings with and make presentation to a number of civic, neighborhood, business and community organization on the project.

Sam Nues and Joseph Marshall, Architects representing Gordon H. Chong & Partners, gave a design presentation to the Commission on the underground parking facility at the music concourse. He spoke about the: 1) Existing and Proposed Site Plan, 2) 10th Avenue (detail site plan, existing conditions, and new proposals), 3) 10th Avenue Garage Entrance (new proposals and materials), 4) MCD Vehicular Entry/Exit (proposed site plan, detail plan, existing and proposed views), 5) Main Concourse Pedestrian Entries (South Garage Main Pedestrian Entrance Detail Plan, Existing and Proposed Views), 6) Exit Stair (proposed site plan, detail plan, existing and proposed views), 7) Ventilation Shafts (proposed site plan, detail plan, and proposed view ventilation shaft at the new M.H. de Young Museum), and 8) Shakespeare Path.

Mary Anne Miller representing San Francisco Tomorrow, stated that as a former City Planner and very well acquainted with the planning process it would be truly improper to approve a project before the EIR has been heard. She spoke about: 1) the process of this project, 2) the EIR hearing at the Planning Commission and 3) the historic resources at the music concourse.

Ronald Konopaski, DDS, representing Richmond District Neighborhood, urged the Commission to reject the approval of this resolution. He spoke about being involved with this project from the very beginning and has been attending meetings for the last three years. He stated four reasons he opposes the resolution: 1) inadequate public outreach, 2) premature to approve prior to certification of the EIR, 3) Phase II problems and 4) Concourse Authority not adhering to Proposition J.

Katherine Howard, Landscape Architect, representing ASLA, stated they are very concern that the Concourse Authority plans are eliminating essential historic elements in the music concourse bowl in Golden Gate Park. She asked the Commission to look at the music concourse bowl as a landscape it is a unified hole and it very important that you consider it as its historic context and try to preserve it is really the heart of San Francisco for many people.

Janice Rothstein, representing Alliance for Golden Gate Park, stated that she opposes an approval when the EIR is in draft stage.

Jim Iverson, representing Inner Sunset Merchants Association, stated that it was too early to approve this design. He spoke about the residents in the Inner Sunset who are personally worried that this project will cause a tremendous amount of congestion along 9th Avenue, which had not been discussed.

Thomas Harriman, representing Alliance for Golden Gate Park and the Bicycle Coalition, spoke about the great many issues that still need to be resolved and more work to be done. He stated that it would be premature to approve this design at this stage and advised the Commission to put it off and do the work and do it correctly.

Carolyn Blair, Executive Director of the San Francisco Tree Council stated that she agreed with the other speakers and asked the Commission to postpone this approval and carefully consider this a significant area and a garage definitely would have an impact on it.

Joan Downey, representing Cole Valley Improvement Association, also urges the Commission not to vote to approve the garage as it is now and to wait to see what comes out of the EIR process.

Philip Carleton, stated his concerns and encouraged the Commission not to approve this project at this time because of the following issues: 1) of the destruction and replacement of the tunnels that are not equivalent, 2) the construction staging site

was not identified, 3) is there funding to pay for this project, and 4) the entrance is located inside of the park.

John Laskin, stated that he opposes this project because of the problems with the design.

Greg Miller, resident of the Richmond District agrees with everyone that it would be premature to approve the parking garage. He stated two points of concern: 1) was an adequate study done for the demand the traffic will cause in this area and 2) at the proposed entrance how will they keep the sound and site out of the concourse area which is very important for the integrity and enjoyment of the area.

Chris Duderstadt, representing Alliance for Golden Gate Park stated their concerns regarding the approval of this project: 1) it states that the garage will increase traffic within the Park, 2) the entrances are within the park and Proposition J states that entrances and exits shall be outside the park because this will reduce the interference between traffic and users of the park, 3) the Master Plan of Golden Gate Park states you shall not increase traffic in the Park and 4) the pedestrian tunnels and circulation are considered historic landmarks. He also stated that the Commission would be approving a construction document that the Concourse Authority is going forward with as a final plan and with the EIR process the plan is going to be reviewed.

President John Murray asked the City Attorney to restate for the Commission Proposition J. The voters approved a proposition they had specific intent that certain things be done within that the Commission has a design purview and if the City Attorney could comment on the relationship between the EIR and review issues the Commission is approving and any timing issues that matter in that regard. If there are any significant design changes as a result of the EIR will it come back to the Commission and the Commission's role not rejecting rather than approving this project per Proposition J. City Attorney Dario Elizondo explained that Proposition J states that the resolutions of the Concourse Authority are in effect unless the Commission reject them by a two-thirds vote within ninety days upon submission to the Commission. President John Murray asked the City Attorney to explain that if the Commission fails to act the resolution goes forward without any action by the Commission. City Attorney Dario Elizondo explained that on the memo it asked the Commission to approve the project presented that in fact was not technically correct. There was no action required and the agenda was written in a way to allow maximum flexibility for the Commission to do what they felt was appropriate.

President John Murray summarized for the Commission the points raised by the speakers: 1) historic landscape and tree removal, 2) timing of this approval relative to the EIR, 3) requirements for construction staging, and 4) the traffic study. Michael Ellzey addressed the points raised by the speakers. President John Murray asked Michael Ellzey if the requirements for construction staging were available to provide to the Commission. Michael Ellzey explained that the requirements would come through the Concourse Authority Board then to the Commission in February.

General Manager Goldstein asked Michael Ellzey to explain the relationship between the EIR, the resolution and decision ultimately coming to the Commission. Michael Ellzey explained that what is before the Commission today is consideration of the resolution passed by the Concourse Authority that approved a design development package which is precursor to beginning construction documents to be submitted into the EIR process for the proposed project upon which the evaluation is now based.

President John Murray asked Michael Ellzey to clarify that in the EIR process there are substantial revisions through the normal EIR process from comments through the Planning Department. The Department will make those changes prior to the beginning

of construction (expectation to begin construction is in August but the actual start date is unknown until the Planning Department process is complete). Michael Ellzey explained that once the project is certified by the Planning Department the Concourse Authority will then begin to deliberate on a project approval. The Concourse Authority will take into consideration all the requirements necessary for the project approval. President John Murray asked Michael Ellzey when the Concourse Authority conducts the project approval would it come back through the same process. Michael Ellzey explained that it would come back to the Commission through the same process.

Commissioner Chin asked for clarification on the authority and timetable: 1) does the Commission technically have to take any action and 2) after the EIR process the comments from staff be reviewed at the Parks and Planning Committee meeting prior to certification and 3) after final certification will the Commission take some action to approve a project. City Attorney Dario Elizondo explained that the Commission does not need to take any action but the Concourse Authority's resolutions are effective unless rejected by the Commission. General Manager Goldstein explained that Alan Wong will provide the Commission with a report prior to certification. Michael Ellzey explained that after certification the Concourse Authority will approve a resolution that will come back to the Commission with more details.

Commissioner Bonilla asked if the project would be coming to the Parks and Planning Committee. President John Murrary explained that it was an idea to have the comments that the Department is submitting to the Planning Commission to inform their EIR process to come the Parks and Planning meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Bonilla commented that before the meeting she had the opportunity to go step by step to focus on the controversial parts of the design what the Commission understands what we can do legally and looks at the intent of the transit first policy. She asked Michael Ellzey if his staff would be available for walkthroughs. Michael Ellzey explained that his staff would be available for walkthroughs.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0301-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Resolution dated December 2, 2002 approving the final Design Development of the Underground Parking Facility in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park, as provided in The Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998. There is to be a briefing at the full Commission meeting prior the Commission meeting where the final decision is made for discussion about the project once staff's comments are submitted into the EIR [Note: Under S.F. Administrative Code Appendix 41 (Prop. J. 1998) Section 6, GGP Concourse Authority resolutions are effective upon passage by the Authority unless rejected by a 2/3ds vote of the Commission.]

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Laskin stated his ongoing concerns about the garage and viability of parking spaces.

Philip Carleton stated his concerns about the renovation at the Bison Paddock. He spoke about his meetings with staff with their promise to redesign the drawings, which he never received. He also stated that he was ready to give up and hopes that the meeting General Manager Goldstein is useful.

Peter, stated that he came into this issue as an outsider and at first he was optimistic about the underground parking but unfortunately after looking at the slides with all the alternation and changes you can no longer call it Golden Gate Park for what it represent in San Francisco.

Jim Iverson, stated that the merchants at the inner sunset are very concerned that traffic will be a disaster.

Ronald Konopaski, DDS, complimented the Commission on how the meetings are conducted, they are very professional, congenial and well done. He stated he is very concerned about the process and that he made a alternate proposal for an underground street with suggestions to aleviate the traffic problems which the Concourse Authority said they would include in the in the EIR and it is not included.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

February 20, 2003

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
February 20, 2003 at 2:09 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Billy Getty

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Aquatics pool closures related to staff shortages have been reduced 70% due to the leadership of the new Aquatics Manager, Mr. Sean McGrew. Mr. McGrew has reorganized staff schedules to maximize coverage and minimize missed assignments. Based upon public comments and inquiries this process has dramatically improved our ability to deliver services as advertised.

The Department is working with the National Aids Memorial Grove staff to implement an endowment for a full time equivalent gardener for the Grove. We anticipate bringing the endowment to the Commission in March and to the Board of Supervisors following Commission approval.

The Neighborhood Green Project Grant Program ended on the 14th of this month. The program was deemed a success by all involved. However, the prospects for a Program extension are not good, while the Department's ability to hire graduates of the Program have been hampered due to the current budget crisis. We are striving to find positions in the private sector for the program graduates.

Elizabeth Goldstein, Gary Hoy, and Sean Sweeney met with the City Council of Pacifica to discuss long-term plans for the abandoned rifle range in the back canyon of Sharp Park Golf Course and discussed the potential for collaborative issues surrounding recycled water systems, grant opportunities for the sea-wall and restoration of Laguna Salada.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

1) Two trips for Project Insight have been approved for teens who are blind or otherwise visually impaired.

1) An overnight camping trip to Big Basin State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains, April 15 through 18, 2003;

2) A trip to Europe from June 10 until June 21. The trip will be for 10 participants, 4 Recreation Directors, and 1 volunteer.

General Manager Goldstein stated that the Occupational Environmental, Health and Safety, Annual Report has been postponed until next month's meeting.

Isabel Wade, PROSAC Chair, commented on 1) the attendance of Commissioner Prozan at the last PROSAC meeting and 2) the Department response to PROSAC's recommendations. She addressed two topics important to the committee this month: 1) outreach and 2) budget. She spoke about the PROSAC resolution regarding public outreach and the use of the Open Space Fund this year.

Commissioner Lazarus spoke about the issue raised by Ms. Wade regarding the five-year survey in the Charter reform. He asked General Manager Goldstein where the Department was for the July first fiscal year deadline to accommodate the requirement in the Charter. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department is currently speaking to a consultant and held a series of focus groups last fall preparatory to establishing a citywide survey. She also explained that she will check on the status of the survey which will be included in the General Manager's Report at the March Commission meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0302-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the January 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0302-002

Donation To

Safari West 1.1 White-faced Whistling Treeduck

3115 Porter Creek Rd.

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

USDA 93-C-0579

St. Louis Zoo 2.0 Orangespot Stingray

1 Government Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63110

USDA 43-C-032

Purchase From

Great Plains Zoo 0.1 Hooded Merganser $60.00

805 S. Kiwanis Ave. 3.3 N.A. Ruddy Duck $60.00/pr $180.00

Sioux Falls, SD 57104 $240.00

USDA 46-C-0004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve The Circle of Life Foundation's request to produce "Earth Day 2003", a gated musical and environmental information event at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, April 20, 2003 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. RES. NO. 0302-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve David Roth Group's request to produce a tented event, "Educational Symposia & Charity Event" benefiting the Imagination Workshop (a nonprofit, theater arts organization dedicated to bringing professional artists into a working, artistic relationship with `at risk' children in schools, psychiatric patients, and homeless individuals) at Union Square on Monday, May 19, 2003 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. inside the tent. RES. NO. 0302-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for the physical improvements of the Coffman Pool and grounds. RES. NO. 0302-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a visual/tactile mural for Wawona Clubhouse.

RES. NO. 0302-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Kin Wo Construction, Inc. for the base bid and alternatives #1, 2 and 3 in the amount of $1,072,000.00 for the Rochambeau Playground and Clubhouse Renovation Project. RES. NO. 0302-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the North Beach Pool and

Clubhouse project.

RES. NO. 0302-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Lease of the new Union Square Café to City of San Francisco Uptown Parking Corporation. RES. NO. 0302-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Sublease Agreement of the Union Square Café between the City of San Francisco Uptown Parking Corporation and Emporio Rulli, Inc.

RES. NO. 0302-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the installation of a bronze plaque at 6th Avenue and JFK in Golden Gate Park by the United Humanitarian Mission and associated landscape improvements.

RES. NO. 0302-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the parking rate for San Francisco 49er football games at the Stadium at Candlestick Park (the "Stadium") from $20.00 to $25.00.

RES. NO. 0302-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Harding Park Golf Course Renovation Project base contract amount not to exceed $850,000.00 with Kubly Golf Course Construction, Inc. for slope restoration and drainage modifications. RES. NO. 0302-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the Harding Park Golf Course Maintenance Facility. RES. NO. 0302-014

GENERAL CALENDAR

EUREKA VALLEY RECREATION CENTER

Tony Leung presented this item to the Commission to approve the conceptual design for physical improvements of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and grounds.

Background/Description: The Eureka Valley Recreation Center is located at 100 Collingwood Street between 18th and 19th Streets. The Recreation Center is a 16,500 square foot two-story building completed in 1954. The building and its adjacent playground are heavily used by the Eureka Valley and Castro neighborhoods as an athletic and cultural venue.

The facility does not provide adequate space to house new services and programs required to serve the needs of the community. A recent Existing Conditions Assessment Study by the Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Engineering evaluated the major building systems, identified numerous physical and code deficiencies, and recommended measures for repair and replacement.

Proposed Improvements: Based on programmatic requirements and the results of the evaluation of the existing building, proposed site and building improvements include: construction of addition to the existing building to increase space utilization,

modification to site/building approach to fulfill ADA code compliance, inclusion of an elevator to fulfill ADA code compliance for access to the mezzanine, replacement of the existing boiler, update and increase existing playground to meet safety standards and ADA code compliance. Energy-saving systems have been considered during the design process.

Commissioner Bonilla asked: 1) if the Teen Center would be open to all teens regardless of sexual preference and 2) will there be a comparable space for seniors as there will be for the teen population. Mitch Thompson, Recreation Director at Eureka Valley addressed Commissioner Bonilla's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0302-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for the physical improvements
of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and grounds.

SOUTH OF MARKET (SOMA) PARK

Mary Tienken presented this item to the Commission for approval of the conceptual landscape plan for SOMA Park.

Program: Over the past year, the Department has convened three formal public meetings. At the last public meeting, held on December 5th, the community opted by unanimous vote to support the program for the park presented by the Department. In general, the community desired a variety of uses to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood, requested a safe and secure place for residents and children, and supported separate play areas to serve the needs of the children at the new Bessie Carmichael School.

The following program items emerged over the course of several meetings:

- Play Structure for children
- Play Structure for toddlers
- Baseball Field
- Soccer Pitch
- Community Gardens
- BBQ area
- Restroom
- Children's Garden
- Basketball Court
- Drop Off Zone for School
- Paved Play Area
- Community Gathering Space
- Paths for strollers and pedestrians

Cost and Source of Funding:

Cost: $4,500,000.00

Source: Neighborhood Park Bond

Capital Project Year (District 6): SOMA Park is a long-term project commencing in the first year of the Capital Plan.

Environmental Review: The San Francisco Planning Department in conjunction with

the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency certified the "South of Market Redevelopment Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Report" on January 23, 1997. The environmental impacts of the development at SOMA Park were reviewed in this document.

Isabel Wade with Neighborhood Parks Council stated her support for the project.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0302-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual landscape plan for SOMA Park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BISON PADDOCK

Dan Mauer presented this item to the Commission to approve the conceptual improvement plan for the Bison Paddock.

Background/Description: The Golden Gate Park Master Plan's Special Areas section, proposes that the Bison Paddock receive various infrastructure improvements, which include items such as new perimeter fencing, replacement of the central barn/feeding area, and improvements to the surrounding landscape and irrigation system. The USDA also has mandated that the perimeter fencing be improved to meet their current requirements. In addition to those improvements identified above, numerous keepers responsible for the Bison's care requested that the Department develop infrastructure that would allow for safe handling and management of the animals while at the same time provide a safe work environment for staff members.

Over the past two years, the Department has been working closely with Zoo staff and active community members to generate a conceptual improvement plan that reflects a collaborative design effort. In addition to meeting approximately 18 separate times, the design team met several times with a bison/cattle management specialist for design critique. After numerous design proposals and modifications (approximately 18) a plan has been produced that staff feels meets the project's objectives. Below is a detailed scope of work for each area of improvement.

Central Barn:

· Demolish the existing overhead shelter/structure, feeding station and associated fencing. Install a new prefabricated overhead shelter/structure with appropriate electrical and water utilities. Existing Conditions Photos/New Shelter (This structure has been reviewed and approved by the Art's Commission's Civic Design Review Committee.)

· Install a new "chute" corridor fencing system with a squeeze chute and weighing scale at the end of the corridor for animal management procedures.

· Provide new feeding and drinking stations.

· Provide safe keeper areas for zoo staff.

· Provide storage area and shed for staff equipment.

· Provide various size pens for animal management and quarantine requirements.

· Improve staff access from the rear of the exhibit.

Fencing:

· Demolish and remove the existing 6' tall perimeter chain link and electric wire fence and replace with a new 8' tall chain link fence and new electric wire fence.

· The new perimeter chain link fence will align closely with the existing perimeter fence. The interior electric wire fence will run parallel with the chain link fence 8 feet inboard, increasing the overall paddock size by approximately 4 acres.

· The new fencing alignment will create three main paddocks (East, North and West).

Key elements of this plan were extracted and incorporated into the final plan. These included:

- Addition of a squeeze chute
- Bison corridor (pen size reduction)
- Keeper staging platforms
- Remote access gates
- Catch pen location

Planting and Irrigation: (not in the project scope of work)

The Department's maintenance staff is currently working to improve the irrigation system within and around the paddock. Staff also maintains/renovates the grass field in the main (east) paddock on a routine basis. Department staff will soon be installing new irrigation and seeding the north pen.

Project Cost and Source of Funding:

Bid Tabulations: Engineer's Conceptual Estimate: $862,540 (total project cost)

Source: State, Proposition 12 funds

Preliminary Project Schedule:

ITEM:	COMPLETION DATE
• Recreation and Park Commission - Conceptual Approval	February 2003
• Construction Documents & Technical Specifications includes Staff review at 50% and 95%	May 2003
• Advertisement and bidding	June 2003
• Recreation and Park Commission - Award of Contract	July 2003
• Notice to Proceed	August 2003
• Construction (4 month duration)	December 2003

• Final Acceptance	January 2004

Environmental Review:

Environmental review was completed as part of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan environmental review. The proposed special area project was a measure included in the approved Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The Master Plan was analyzed in the environmental impact report (EIR) prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project was thus analyzed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan EIR. The EIR was certified on July 9, 1998 by the Planning Commission in Motion No. 14653.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0302-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for the Bison Paddock in Golden Gate Park.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - OPERATIONS PLAN

Lydia Zaverukha thanked several people involved with this process who she felt was were important in the development of the Department's Operations Plan. She spoke about: 1) the history, 2) the program development, 3) the development and implementation of an Operations Plan (tentative timeline), 4) the meeting cycles, 5) the accomplishments, 6) the action plans, 7) the recommendations and 8) the next steps.

History of Operations Planning

With the passage of Proposition C in March 2000, the Recreation and Park Department was required to complete a variety of significant planning efforts. This report addresses the status of the development of the Department's Operations Plan.

The development of the Operations Plan began two years ago upon the completion of the draft strategic plan in December 2. The draft Strategic Plan called for significantly greater staff participation in improving the Department. Therefore, in determining the approach for writing the Operations Plan, the Department decided to follow the team model used to write the draft strategic plan.

The Department's decision to develop the plan in-house as opposed to through a consultant is noteworthy. The strategic planning effort gave clear indications for a new way of doing business within the Department. In recognizing this message, the Department realized that the process of writing the operations plan was just as important as the product, i.e. the operations plan itself. The process, along with the maintenance of the strategic plan and further development of performance measurement, is among the catalysts for significant organizational change.

In laying the groundwork for this change process to begin, the program team spent the majority of 2001 developing the detailed process for writing the Operations Plan. The 2001 program development activities included:

· determining which strategies from the draft strategic plan were specific enough to forward to operations planning;

· further "filtering" these strategies into those to be addressed by teams and those that could be more immediately addressed directly by senior staff (these strategies were typically either too complicated or simple enough that they were inappropriate to forward to the team process);

· prioritizing these "operationally ready" strategies and appropriately dividing the strategies among the operations teams that would be formed;

· writing the Operations Planning Team Manual - distributed to all operations planning participants, the manual is a thorough reference guide detailing team member roles and responsibilities, team meeting agendas and activities, sample action plans and other reference information;

· recruiting staff for the 10 operations teams;

· recruiting and training staff to become team facilitators - internal staff were chosen to be facilitators as a partial response to the staff development opportunities called for in the draft strategic plan;

· forming a pilot tam to do a "dry run" of the planning process using the operations planning manual authorized by the program team - the work of the pilot team determined that the senior staff on the team must write a draft action plan prior to the team meetings starting and the team would then fully develop the action plan;

· defining program team roles and responsibilities;

· recruiting peer reviewers and community representatives to critique the plans as they were developed;

· conducting an open house for the staff and community to inform them of the Operations Planning process.

The operations planning process actually began in January 2002. As noted previously, the development of the Operations Plan is modeled on the methods used to produce the draft Strategic Plan.

· 10 interdisciplinary staff teams are organized around topic areas including:

Communications;

Park & Facility Design, Development & Maintenance;

Funding & Revenue Generation;

Organizational Development;

Partnerships & Volunteers;

and Programs, Facilities & Services.

· Specially trained Department staff facilitates the team meetings.

· Teams meet for a series of five meetings, which make up a cycle.

· A cycle is completed within approximately six months.

· After meeting number four, drafts of each team's action plans are forwarded to peer reviewers (outside professionals in the field of parks and recreation), as well as to the Community Stakeholder Group (CSG) and to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC).

· These action plans, compiled together, will form the Department's final Operations Plan.

· Throughout the cycles, a Steering Committee meets regularly to review progress on the plan and also meets periodically with the CSG and PROSAC.

· The community stakeholders and PROSAC have taken great interest in the development of the action plans.

· It is also especially important to note the devoted work of the Facilitators and Steering Committee.

Status of Operations Planning

As the Department's Operations Planning Program came to a "half-way milestone" in late 2002, both the Program Team and the Facilitators took the opportunity to reflect on its progress. Both groups held separate retreats; Program Team members attended both retreats and both were facilitated by DHR's Training and Organizational Development unit (TOD). These discussions, as well as the Program Team's analysis of them, shape the content of the remainder of this report.

The retreats again exposed the magnitude of the change process required. As demonstrated in the following narrative and noted in the introductory history section, the objectives of the Operations Planning process reach far beyond a written product. The process is a foundational rung of the ladder toward fundamental organizational change in the SF Recreation and Park Department.

The Department can be extremely proud of this organization-wide effort reflecting a commitment of staff and management to improvement. This effort is currently the most active vehicle the Department has to demonstrate commitment to organizational change.

Recommendations for Operations Planning Process Improvements

Along with the aforementioned accomplishments, and in the spirit of continuous improvement, the Program Team presents the following recommendations. These recommendations emerged after review and analysis of the comments made at both the retreats in September and fall into three broad categories: implementation, communication, and management support.

Conclusion

The development of the Recreation and Park Department's Operations Plan was originally conceptualized as a single plan to be prepared by a consultant. In response to the strategic planning effort and in support of true change, the Department determined that the operations plan would be developed in-house.

As such, it has been difficult to integrate Operations Planning into standard operating

procedures within the Department. Although originally designed to be a yearlong process, the development of action plans has proven to be a two-year process. The timeline was extended as the program team realized that additional support and skill building was needed for all participating in the program and that this need for support was greater than expected.

A challenge also exists in terms of the timing of the community, peer and PROSAC review processes - ideally, this review process should be allowed two months, but that would stretch the general timeline far too long. Hence, the outside review of the plans will become a simultaneous process, as opposed to the sequential manner in which the various outside entities currently review the plans. Additionally, as the various recommendations in the "leadership support" section are implemented, the integration of operations planning into standard procedures and timelines will improve.

In conclusion, the Program Team recommends the following plan of action:

1) Upon General Manager and Commission review, confirm plan of action.

2) General Manager to conduct a retreat for Executive & Senior Managers and will include a "What Worked or Not" session regarding operations planning.

3) Based on the "What Worked or Not" session, make further revisions to recommendations.

4) Program Team meets to identify plan and timeline to integrate recommendations from this report into current procedures, as well as to prepare a budget.

5) Program Team analyzes the plans created, especially examining overlap and dependence or inter-dependence of the various plans. Please see the sample chart on the last page for the types of questions that need to be answered regarding each plan.

6) With this chart in hand, the Executive Managers must confirm or revise the information completed by the program team and then prioritize and ultimately implement the plans to finally demonstrate success to the staff and the public.

7) Conduct quarterly meetings for appropriate audience (such as Executive Staff, Steering Committee, Senior or Program Managers, Facilitators, Teams, PROSAC, etc.) to inform them of implementation of action plans and to report on further progress of Operations and Strategic Planning. The chart will be used to track success of implementation, as well as development of new action plans.

After the presentation the Commissioner's discussed the following concerns: 1) focusing on quality of service, 2) setting benchmarks for employee moral, 3) staff monitoring successes or goals to update the Commission, 4) the reasons for not completing the emergency preparedness action plan, 5) moving up the schedule for the next update to June 2003, 6) the $17,000 cost of training managers to evaluate line staff, 7) aligning the operations plan post budget adjustment, 8) adjusting goals resulting from fewer staff, 9) simplifying scorecards, and 10) incorporating difficulty rating for goals.

Lydia Zaverukha and General Manager Goldstein addressed the Commission's concerns. Jeff Bramlett addressed the Commission's concern regarding the Emergency Preparedness Action Plan.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2003-04 BUDGET

Introduction

San Francisco's parks and recreational facilities play a significant physical, spiritual, and economic role in the health of the City. We significantly improve the quality of life for San Franciscans by cleaning the air, giving cooling shade, providing space for recreation and play, offering attractive vistas, and furnishing outdoor environmental classrooms. In addition, our existence vastly increases property values and our programs reduce crime by providing youth with constructive and fun activities. It is imperative that during this recession and budget crisis that the City and department find ways to keep the 150 year legacy of parks and recreation alive and healthy.

Capital Planning

Despite significant financial strain in the operating budget, the Department has significant capital resources to move the quality of the City's park facilities forward. The Capital Plan outlines the renovation of the Department's 230 facilities in at least 440 projects over a ten-year period beginning with Fiscal Year 2000-2001. The Capital Program is significantly ramping up as seen below.

FY 2000/01

· 20 in progress · 8 completed

FY 2001/02

· 68 in progress · 25 completed

FY 2002/03

· 94 in progress · 39 completed

FY 2003/04

· 96 in progress · 48 completed

Some milestones and highlights of the capital planning process are listed below:

· Two new parcels near Alberta Drive were acquired to add open space to McLaren Park

· Two new children's play areas were completed at Moscone and South Sunset Playgrounds

· 11 other projects were completed during the calendar year ranging from new lighting at Parkside Square, a new Dog Play Area in St. Mary's Playground, the restoration of a natural dune environment on Great Highway, and the completion of the Union Square Renovation

· The master plan for the improvement of Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park was developed in a successful community planning model

· 14 other projects are currently under construction including a new park and

clubhouse in the Mission district and a new clubhouse at Visitacion Valley Playground. Both of these are green building pilot projects

· New partnerships were established with non-profit organizations to implement the improvement of parks

The Department continues to be aggressive in pursuing alternative funding sources for its capital projects:

· Several grant applications were submitted and many were successful with over $15 Million received toward implementation of the Capital Plan

· Over $13 Million from State Proposition 12 is being used to jump start our Golf Facilities Improvement Plan beginning with Harding/Fleming Golf Courses

· Philanthropic gifts continue to be pledged with the majority of funds allocated to the Restoration of the Conservatory of Flowers

· $1.8 Million was pledged as a gift from the Koret Family toward the renovation of the Golden Gate Park Children's Quarters

· The Department is working in a new partnership with the Neighborhood Parks Council and many community groups to rehabilitate neighborhood playgrounds.

· The Department recently completed an agreement with the Maybeck Foundation to raise funds for the renovation of the Palace of Fine Arts.

New Department Structure

Based on the objectives of the newly adopted Strategic Plan, the Charter changes adopted under Prop C in 2000, and on effective operational models elsewhere in the country, the Department has undertaken a reorganization. The goals of the reorganization are:

· Align structure to support strategic plan goals

· Create transparency for the public

· Create efficiencies that aid current fiscal situation

· Streamline structure to create greater ownership of department functions by managers and employees

This reorganization alters the organization in several key ways:

· Creates a new executive management team made up of:

o The General Manager and six reporting positions including:

¬ Deputy General Manager for Operations (approved and currently recruiting)

¬ Superintendent for Citywide Services (filled)

¬ Superintendent for Neighborhood Services (acting)

¬ Capital Program Manager (filled)

¬ Director of Administration and Finance (filled)

¬ Director of Partnerships and Communications (unbudgeted)

· Reorganizes the operations of the Department into three areas:

o Centralized Services including structural maintenance, forestry, turf and a new environmental division.

o Citywide Services including citywide facilities such as golf courses, the Marina Yacht Harbor and Candlestick Stadium, athletics, a new division for arts and museums and aquatics.

o Neighborhood Services including recreation and park maintenance and operations. For operational purposes the City will be subdivided into four quadrants that are co-terminus with two or more Supervisorial districts.

· Relies on the creation of a new civil service promotional class for Park Managers. These Park Managers will be responsible for managing park operations and program delivery for specific regional parks or collections of parks. The intention is to create a new type of manager with greater authority and responsibility for budget, staff deployment and resource development.

Information Technology Strategic Plan

As a result of the Department's Strategic Planning process, it was clear that technology has a major role to play in addressing a number of the objectives of the Department. An advisor to COIT (Committee on Information Technology), Sandy Rosen, Ph.D. was hired to develop a strategic plan for information technology. The IT Strategic Plan was completed in January 2003. Dr. Rosen stated in his report, "The Recreation and Park Department is substantially behind the rest of the City in the use of information technology. The majority of application systems are small, disparate, unconnected processes that do not take advantage of today's capabilities. It is the nature of the Department's business and the adaptive character of the Personnel that has permitted it to avoid the level of IT investment that can be seen in other City department of similar size."

Dr. Rosen notes in his report that less than 20% of the staff is connected to e-mail and only 71 individuals out of 1000 employees have voicemail, making communications very difficult.

Dr. Rosen found the following four major information technology deficiencies in the Department:

1. Lack of good communications

2. Inefficiencies of data gathering application input methods

3. Ineffectiveness of standard application reports

4. Inadequacy of existing business systems

He proposed a number of recommendations which fall into the following categories:

- Create IT planning and prioritization mechanisms
- Improve the Department's telephone, voicemail, and computer infrastructure
- Capitalize on the internet and intranet
- Create an organizational culture that examines business processes
- Improve education and training
- Do disaster recovery planning

The IT Strategic Plan lays out the case that the department must move forward with technology improvements even though funding will be limited. There are a number of technology improvements which will occur this fiscal year including an interactive capital projects tracking and reporting system, an on-line timekeeping system which allows department employees to charge directly to various capital projects in the City's financial system, a new telephone system which will allow a number of new facilities to be brought into the same system, and a customer contact management system.

New Budget Structure and Cost Allocation Plan

The Department is totally revising its budget and financial reporting structure in the City's financial system. The purpose of this effort is to improve the accuracy and availability of financial and budget information for management and the public. It will also allow supervisors and line-level managers to have access on an ongoing basis to budget-to-actual information. Lastly, the change will create departmental efficiency by capitalizing on the City's financial system instead of preparing reports manually using secondary tools.

The Department is also implementing a cost allocation model. This is required in order to charge administrative costs to grants and bonds. In addition, the City's Administrative Code Section 6.20.C requires City departments to recover overhead when charging to capital projects. A standard methodology is created which takes departmental costs like the General Manager and Commission Offices, Information Technology, and Human Resources and allocates them to all department-funding sources. A cost allocation plan allows the public and decision makers to know the full cost of programs.

Financial Overview

Budget Context

The Mayor's Budget Office projects a $350 million budget shortfall in FY 2003/2004. This estimate assumes current spending levels and no new wage increases for city employees. The projected shortfall is expected to be influenced by the impact of decisions being negotiated and legislated at the State and federal levels. Significant tax revenue decreases, led by sales and hotel tax losses, has continued and is expected to remain weak for the near future.

Department Reduction Targets

As part of the Mayor's policy instructions on the budget for FY 2003/04, departments have been asked to reduce General Fund spending by 6%. In addition, departments need to absorb known cost increases of approximately 4%. These include medical and dental premium increases and the City again fully funding employee retirement premiums. Lastly, City departments are being asked to develop an additional 10% reduction contingency plan.

In addition to the above, the Recreation and Park Department is required to address the one-time gift and Open Space Fund monies used in FY 02/03 to balance the budget. These amount to approximately an additional $1.8 million. Lastly, the department needs to make up weakness in its department generated revenue accounting of $1.1 Million. The total reduction target for FY 03/04 is $6.3 million. The following chart summarizes the targets needed to balance the department's budget in FY 03/04.

6% Reduction	$2.2 M
4% Cost Absorption	$1.2
Positions funded with Gift Funds in FY 2002/03	$.9
Positions moved to Open Space Fund in FY 2002/03	$.9
10% Contingency	$3.4
Revenue Weakness	$1.1
TOTAL	$9.7 M

Budget Reduction Process

Knowing this was going to be a difficult budget season, the Department held staff town hall meetings in late November and early December 2002. In addition, we began meeting weekly with our key stakeholders in early January. Throughout these meetings we asked for suggested revenue generating and budget reduction ideas. A significant portion of the budget package came from these suggestions.

The Department held three public workshops in three different districts in the City. Over 1,400 mailed notices and 1,800 email notices were distributed, as well as posting notices at most of our recreation sites. There were 171 attendees at these workshops.

There were two parts to the workshops: first, the current fiscal situation and city context; second an overview of the revenue generating and budget reduction options. The meetings were structured to encourage the public to take a hard look at the programs and services the Department delivers and help make decisions on whether they were core or non-core as related to our mission. This exercise elevated the public's thought process to review the entire department as opposed to only their particular personal stake.

During the second half of the workshops, the Department distributed budget worksheets with budget balancing options. An associated dollar amount was also assigned to the options. As staff guided the public through this portion of the meeting, we asked them to endorse, reject or change the presented options. After presenting associated operating budget amounts, staff provided the public an opportunity to add additional ideas and suggest how they would balance the department's budget.

As staff went through the presentations the public began to understand the magnitude of these budget reductions and the serious threat to service delivery. In recognizing the struggle of the Department, many advocates came to endorse the

package of proposals when presented to the Recreation and Park Commission as well as the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Committee.

In preparing budget balancing options, the Department evaluated them based on a series of overlapping lenses or filters they are: 1) mission critical, 2) probability of implementation, 3) budget balancing guidelines, and 4) strategic plan.

Budget Reductions Measures

The Department has created a set of budget reductions that rely substantially on changing models of service delivery. Staff proposes a new model for delivering programs in our largest recreation centers. We also will alter the way our pools are run. The focus has been on continuing to deliver quality service to the public in the most efficient way possible. This was done by looking at how other cities and counties are doing business and adapting those models to San Francisco. Many of these changes are things that were already in initial development based on strategic and operational planning.

Although the Department is confident that these new models have great value, implementing them in this financial climate has great risks. In other financial times the Department would have experimented with these new models in some places, worked out the kinks, and then rolled them out in a more measured fashion. However, the times do not allow for that. The public will see changes in personnel and a new way of approaching programming. Changes of this kind will be occasionally be as unsettling for the public as it is for the staff. If these models do not work, or need to altered in any substantial way, the Department will have substantially fewer tools, financial and otherwise, to bring about the needed changes.

In other areas of the Department's work, services are indeed, being reduced. The Workreation Program which provides job training opportunities for young adults will be reduced. If the Department is required to go into our contingency, our bus transportation program, that provides bus trips for seniors and children participating in non-profit programming, will be reduced. Staff hopes that these reductions will be temporary and that as the City's financial situation improves these programs will expand again.

In addition, Park Patrol will be eliminated. The Department will attempt to replace some of the services that these officers provide by working with other departments to expand their services in parks. However, the Department do will not be able to cover them all. This action makes the need to determine the public's needs for these services and plan for them, all the more imperative.

The Department will be reducing the work force as a result of the closure of facilities for capital rehabilitation. Normally, individuals would be redeployed to other places until the renovated facilities were reopened. But, that is not affordable. We can sustain this because our capital program will be closing several facilities every 18 months or so as we move through the system of renovations we have planned. However, we do have brand new facilities coming on-line, such as Parque Ninos Unidos in the Mission. We will be stretching ourselves to meet these new obligations.

One of the few bright lights in this grim financial time is the incredible partnerships that the Department has with our non-profit partners. We have asked our partners to do more. Their answer has been a resounding "yes." Some of the extraordinary examples of the generosity of our partners are:

- The National AIDS Memorial Grove will be providing annual funding for a

gardener for the Grove from a maintenance endowment they have developed

· The Strybing Arboretum Society is providing funding for an extra gardener at the Arboretum

· The Friends of the Randall Museum has stepped up their program support for the Museum

· The Friends of Recreation and Parks will be providing docent and visitor services for the Conservatory, the Beach Chalet and the Japanese Tea Garden

In the end, if all the Department's contingency proposals are used, the Department's work force will be diminished by almost 100 FTE's; or approximately 10% of our staff. This loss of the Department's most valuable asset will tell in many ways we cannot predict.

Our specific proposals are outlined in more detail later in this document.

Department Budget

The Department's final budget will change based on whether we need to use any of the reductions in the contingency and based on the outcome of labor negotiations. The following chart shows the operating and capital budget for FY 02/03 and FY 03/04. It does not include any contingency reduction or reductions due to labor negotiations.

Revenues for the Department are detailed later in this document. A number of key revenues are projected to be down based on this fiscal year's actual revenue activity. They include COIT Tower (down $105,000) and Japanese Tea Garden admissions and concession (down $385,000). Revenue is also down due to Candlestick Park naming rights which was budgeted at $900,000 in FY 02/03 and is not included in our preliminary budget submittal.

The General Fund contribution to the Recreation and Park Department will continue shrinking next fiscal year.

Future Outlook

The Department is exploring a number of longer-term strategies that we are hopeful will bring new funding sources or increased efficiency for existing resources. Some of these strategies are summarized below:

· Changes to the Downtown Park Fund: The Downtown Park Fund is a result of impact fees that are assessed on development in the C-3 zone in the downtown financial and retail district. The Department will begin a legally required nexus study shortly to assess the fee structure of the fund as well as, the uses of the fund, it's geographic reach and the kinds of development it effects.

· Landscape Assessment District: With some of our non-profit partners and other government agencies we are exploring the possibility of establishing a landscape assessment district to provide maintenance funds for neighborhood parks, street trees and other quality of life amenities. This would require voter approval.

· The Department is exploring the viability of developing a line of merchandise

for sale. This merchandise would be branded with the Department's new logo (currently under development) and signature illustrations for such locations as the Palace of Fine Arts, Coit Tower, the Conservatory of Flowers and the Japanese Tea Garden.

· Lastly, we are exploring a number of co-marketing opportunities for our Golden Gate Park venues that have been hit hard by the economy. One opportunity may be to institute the Cultural Shuttle envisioned in the Golden Gate Master Plan to provide bus service from downtown hotels to Golden Gate Park. In addition, we are exploring providing multi-venue ticketing with our partners in Golden Gate Park including the deYoung Museum, and the California Academy of Sciences.

The Department is also exploring other operational models to create efficiencies both through the Operations Plan and other mechanisms. One of the key areas for doing this is the rapid implementation of the technology improvements cited above in the section on the Information Technology Strategic Plan. It cannot be understated how important these technology improvements are to the ability of the Department to reap operational efficiencies that will effectively deliver better service to the public at a lower cost.

Gary Hoy gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the Capital Budget for this fiscal year. He spoke about: 1) the capital budget process, 2) annual capital budget, 3) neighborhood park bond and open space appropriations, 4) active capital projects, 5) highlights of the year (projects, grants, gifts), 6) capital program budget expenditures, 7) projects moving forward and 8) the total cash flow expenditure schedule.

General Manager Goldstein spoke about: 1) budget instructions from the Mayor's office and 2) meetings with staff and key stakeholders to review the budget situation and to discuss budget proposals. She explained that there are a number of proposals before the Commission today that were developed last Wednesday afternoon and with the fiscal situation happening so rapidly the Department was not able to provide documentation prior to this meeting for the Commission or the public to review. She then gave the operational budget presentation to the Commission and spoke about: 1) FY 2003/04 budget reduction targets, 2) moving budget reduction targets, 3) FY 2003/04 proposed budget, 4) approved revenue measures, 5) proposed revenue measures, 6) approved expenditure measures, 7) proposed expenditure measures, and 8) the budget timeline.

President John Murray spoke, about the Commission approving the Budget for FY 2002-03. At that time the Department knew it would be facing extraordinary difficulties for the budget in FY 2003-04 because the Department used funds from sources with nonrecurring funds to avoid layoffs, there were difficult closures and program reductions. This fiscal year at every meeting the Commission has discussed budget issues to remind everyone that this is going to be a very difficult budget year with challenging changes. He stated that the Commission welcomes feedback, help and comments from everyone here today.

She addressed Commissioner Lazarus' concern from the Special Meeting on February 10, 2003 regarding the use of the Open Space Fund and his suggestion to borrow money in excess of the $900,000 of up to $2.1 million from the Open Space Fund to be repaid in the next three years. She explained that the Department looked into this very seriously and unfortunately this solution will not solve the Department's immediate problems.

Commissioner Lazarus asked General Manager Goldstein if the total added up to $9.7

million. She explained that the Department is making submissions down though revenue weakness that adds up to $6.3 million, which is everything, except the contingencies. At the March 20th meeting the Department will come back with the $3.4 million contingencies.

Margaret Brodkin spoke about: 1) sending a message to the Mayor to support any revenue ideas that typically this department would not support, 2) sacred cow departments that do not have to go through the same budget reduction process, 3) attending many budget meetings throughout the City and complimented the General Manager for responsible and very inclusive budget process, 4) her concern that recreation centers and parks take equal hits when developing the contingencies, 5) her support for the experiment with recreation centers to develop new models and 6) the concern everyone has for use of the Open Space Fund.

Denise Couther Graham representing SEIU, stated that she is a 3204 swimming pool cashier, one that will be greatly affected by this budget proposal. She stated her concerns regarding: 1) previous cuts in this classification, 2) funds not available to offset these positions that provide a service, 3) the additional duties and the nationwide need for lifeguards, 4) pools with a similar model proposed by the Department have deplorable facilities, 5) retention of lifeguards, 6) visitors who need special attention and 7) elimination of park patrol. She also stated that it makes no sense to cut cashiers and park patrol.

Valerie Aiken representing SEIU, a shop steward and on the negotiating team of Local 790 spoke about the history of the cashiers. Her recommendations for senior management were to: 1) look at other positions before laying-off, 2) bring budget in-line first before hiring, 3) go back to using DHR (Department of Human Resources). She stated the union has been around since 1978 and in the past, has always bargained together and now the City of San Francisco has tried to bargain with Locals 790, 535 and 250 separately. As for the required four percent cut the Department has been asked to absorb, the union has been working with the Department to do whatever we have to do offset this budget, but not on backs of our members.

Ciara Bedingfield, a parent who swims at North Beach pool, stated that it is short sited of the Department to not have swimming pool cashiers and locker room attendants at public swimming pools. She also stated that it is very important for parents to know someone is there to keep out riffraff and without these services she would no longer feel safe swimming at facilities where there were no cashiers or locker room attendants. She complimented staff for going beyond their duties as a cashier.

Kevin Chang representing the San Francisco Youth Commission and member of the Youth Recreation Committee thanked Elizabeth Goldstein for including the Youth Commission throughout the budget process. He stated that the Youth Commission was not in support of: 1) increasing the latchkey fees and 2) pool closures. On behalf of the Youth Commission he urged the Commission to reconsider these specific cut and will advocate for the Recreation and Park Department throughout the citywide budget process.

Isabel Wade representing Neighborhood Parks Council complimented the process the Department engaged in this year with their budget recommendations. She reiterated on behalf of the Neighborhood Parks Council the urgency to find another source for the $900,000. She spoke about the three public budget meetings held to assist with revenue and cost efficiency ideas they feel the Department can use to come up with the $900,000 and maintain the principal of not violating the public's trust for these special taxpayers funds. She stated the Neighborhood Parks Council's main point is to urge the Department's recommendations to the Mayor's Office be strategic in nature

and maintain the integrity of the Open Space Fund. She also stated she would provide the Department with a summary of the ideas from the public budget meetings.

Heather Hallett, 3204 (Cashier), stated that she was hired less than a year ago as a provisional cashier clerk and does not understand why she is being laid off when the Department knew a year ago what the budget was like. She also stated her opposition to eliminate the cashier clerks, and locker room attendants and having the lifeguards assume their duties.

Mary Merryman, Lifeguard and Swim Instructor stated her concern regarding the decision to close pools on Sunday and the effects it will have on families especially children. She spoke about additional programs to help generate revenue. She also stated that it would be a mistake for the Department to eliminate the cashiers and locker room attendants.

Lynne Greenlaw, 3291 Principal Recreation Supervisor, Aquatics Division, stated that without the cashier clerks and locker room attendants who act as the pools front line of defense, criminal activity would increase. She spoke about the emergency, health and safety issues that require a full staff at the pools and stated this is not a place for the Department to cut. She recommended that the Department look across the board at positions that are overstaffed.

Marcus Santiago, Park Patrol Officer, stated he has been with the Department for seven years and would be affected by this budget cut. He stated his opposition to eliminate park patrol for the following reasons: 1) park patrol can generate revenue and be self-sufficient and 2) Department of Traffic and Parking cannot site on park property.

Michael Horan, Park Patrol Officer, spoke about the importance of why the Park Patrol was established and the years he has been with the Department. He stated his opposition to the elimination of park patrol because the city police and emergency services are not familiar with areas of the park.

Margot Reed, representing SEIU 790 stated that the Department should eliminate the as-needed and provisional staff first and save money.

Robert Pedersen, Park Patrol Officer, feels that building facilities are more important to the Department than saving jobs and agrees that the as-needed and part-time staff should be let go before permanent staff.

LaWanna Preston, Staff Director SEIU Local 790, stated these budget cuts were not necessary now. She spoke about the continued meetings with the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors and asked the Commission not rush to make a decision today but borrow money where the Department can until the budget problem is resolved.

John Rupert Park Patrol Supervisors spoke on behalf of the people on park patrol and the great job that they do and contributions it makes to the Department. He stated that the decision to cut the whole program seems very drastic and ill considered. He spoke about park patrol being in existence for a hundred and twenty-nine years it has been recognized that the Department has a need for its own security force because of the different roles park patrol plays compared to the City's police force until now.

Ronnie Chism, Pool Manager, spoke on behalf of cashier clerk, locker room attendants and park patrol and the valuable service they provide to the community.

Martin Greenlaw commended Commissioner Lazarus for his forward thinking in

terms of shifting money from the Open Space Fund on payback basis. He stated that it is very critical to provide the 3204 cashier clerks an opportunity to remain in their positions and another concern is the park patrol, they do a job that the Department would not get from the San Francisco Police Department.

Floyd Ray representing SEIU Local 790 negotiating team, stated that the proposed cuts are from one union Local 790. He suggested an interim board to meet with the General Manager to help find ways that are fair and equal across the board for the proposed cuts.

Philip Carleton representing Alliance for Golden Gate Park spoke on behalf of park patrol and asked who will responsible for what they do. He spoke about charging parking fees to save the park patrol jobs. He stated that we need to keep this entity alive which is a resource that is important to all of us.

The Commission discussed in detail the following: 1) the proportion of the $3.4 million as revenue versus expenditures, 2) focus on laying off as-needed, provisional as opposed to permanent, 3) using reserve funds

available to maintain core level of services, 4) other ways to manage the pools and park patrol system without direct laying-off entire system in the first six months, 5) changes be made after the proposal is submitted to the Mayors office, 6) trying pool system at some pools but not immediately systemwide because of the public safety concerns and likewise with Park Patrol, 7) the level of specificity that the Department has to provide the Mayor's office with regard to the initial $6.3 million cuts, 8) concerns that these are essential services that the Department would be cutting without a clear plan on how these functions would be performed minus these positions, 9) how the Department would manage these areas (pools and park patrol) with the same effect, and 10) not eliminating positions from the budget.

In response to the Commission's concerns, General Manager Goldstein explained that budget document is a fluid document. Everyone is up against these extremely hard choices and trying desperately to work through proposals. There are revenue ideas that the Department is still working on. The Department put together a package that presumes expectations on how we are going to manage. She explained the need to specify position layoffs and actual amounts of money that the Controller Office will certify.

She explained that each of the proposal before the Commission has been thought through in a sense of dependent parts. The Department has looked into many variations and the proposals before the Commission is one that the team thinks is logical and workable. She would be willing to provide the Commission with an operational strategy for both and park patrol. Staff has come up with some ideas that we want to consider here and will be working to do that in the next several weeks and months. We clearly will not know if it will work until we have done it. This is a high-risk strategy because we have to find $9.7 million.

In regard to the elimination of positions, the Department can eliminate the funding and not eliminate the positions. But what's happened is that the Department would have to absorb the problem somewhere else.

She explained the techniques proposed by the Department in replacement of park patrol would be for senior management and supervisors working on an on-call basis, work with the police department in a new way and considering a 24-hour dispatch. She explained that in terms of security at the front desk at the pools the lifeguards would be on deck forty minutes an hour and at the front desk twenty minutes rotating through the facility because among other things the Red Cross says the standards of a

lifeguard attention is vastly increase if they are not on deck the full sixty minutes.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0302-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Capital Improvement budget for FY 2003-04.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0302-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Operations budget for FY 2003-04. Operation plans with the reduction of Park Patrol, the cashiers and locker room attendants and the reduction in workreation are to be brought back to the Commission at the next Finance Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne Greenwald commented that the Department has always been about people and services and we have to remember that our employees are people to. She would like to ask the Department to look at the people close to retirement who may be losing their jobs to keep them on until their retirement. General Manager Goldstein explained that when the Department receives a real layoff program it is the Department's intention to work with every individual so not to end up with unintended consequences.

Martin Greewald stated that he did not hear anything about the revenue from the renaming of Candlestick Park. President John Murray explained that the renaming of Candlestick Park was turn down by the Board of Supervisors once and is is on the contingency list.

Philip Carleton representing the Watchbison Committee spoke about the Golden Gate Park Supervisor position asked the Commission to seriously look at eliminating it. He stated that the Watchbison Committee will stop volunteering at Golden Gate Park because staff has not responded to their requests.

Valerie Aiken thanked the Commission for considering testing a pool model before eliminating the entire classification. She stated the layoffs are effected May 15th.

Denise Couther Graham thanked the Commission for their vote. She stated that there is a shortage of lifeguards and questioned with the shortage where is the Department going to find people to replace the full-time cashiers and locker room attendants.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the Commission opened session at 5:39 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded and unanimously

carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Liaison

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

March 20, 2003

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
March 20, 2003 at 2:02 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Billy Getty

Larry Martin

President John Murray announced that Item #4. N. was removed from the consent calendar for a minor amendment to be heard separately and Item #9 was removed from calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mural Restoration: As described in the Chronicle, the Department is working with Precita Eyes and Sunset community residents to restore a 25 year old Mural at West Sunset Playground that depicts the history of the Sunset District. This project will involve recreation staff, maintenance staff, and the community to design new mural panels that describe the District's last 25 years of history.

Dog Policy Enforcement: With the cooperation of SFPD, the Department began the

enforcement phase for the implementation of the Dog Policy. Warnings and citations have been issued at many of the parks, but the number of complaints received have not been significant. Emails and correspondence received on this issue have been about even.

ParkScan Program: In conjunction with the Neighborhood Park Council, the Department is receiving email reports from citizens concerning maintenance issues at Rolph, Precita and 24th Street Parks. The program, ParkScan, allows the public to view the Department's response to maintenance issues on a website and empowers citizens to monitor park issues utilizing handheld computers to record the conditions of their park. The program will be expanded to include parks in all 11 supervisorial districts within the next several months.

Tennis Courts on Web Pages: Phil Sleeper and Jake Hall are collaborating on a project for the SFRPD web page, by updating information and posting photographs of tennis courts under our Department's jurisdiction.

In honor of Women's History Month and the 100th Anniversary of the National Story League, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department in collaboration with the San Francisco Public Library have been engaged in a long term effort to save and restore important municipal archives that represent the professional contribution of recreation directors in the last century. This project, 'Recreation's Golden Age, Women, the Arts, and Storytelling, 1935-1950" aims to educate, commemorate, and pay tribute to this important era of recreation programming in San Francisco. Part of the strategy to save the archives is to build public interest and support by exhibiting the ephemera, dolls, props, costumes, and other associated items of significant civic import. This exhibit is on display on the 6th floor of the Main Library's Skylight Gallery in the San Francisco History Center and a children's exhibit is installed in the Fisher Children's Library on the second floor. In addition, throughout the month of March the Department in conjunction with the Library is providing and coordinating many events: a lecture, five storytelling sessions, a professional puppeteering show, an opening reception and ongoing docent tours. The Department has also produced postcards and commemorative posters that are on sale in the Library store, eventually to be sold at the Beach Chalet and City Hall, with proceeds benefiting the Friends of Recreation and Parks, and the Friends of the Foundation of the Library. Lastly, a website highlighting the historical movement and goals of this project debuted this month and the next phase of the project will include fundraising to build a historical puppet wagon theatre to rekindle this high quality recreational programming at the City's playgrounds and developing the associated curriculum to entertain children and families. Most of the work accomplished in this project has been steered by a loyal group of volunteers working with Rose Marie Dennis and Liz Gardner.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

- A $3,000.00 donation from Mrs. Jackie Schmidt for the renovation of the Alice Chalmers Playground. This donation will be matched by her employer, American International Group.

General Manager Goldstein gave an overview on today's discussion.

MaryBeth Wallace representing PROSAC, gave the monthly PROSAC report. She spoke about: 1) the open space policies, 2) budget/accounting issues, 3) public outreach, and 4) the capital plan update.

President John Murray asked: 1) the original source for the golf loan, 2) if the repayments tagged for capital, 3) if the money was used other than the original use

and 4) about the Committee's request for the Commission's line item expenses. General Manager Goldstein, Gary Hoy and Ms. Wallace addressed President John Murray's concerns.

Jeffrey Bramlett gave a presentation on the Occupational Environmental, Health and Safety, Annual Report to the Commission. He spoke about: 1) program areas, 2) injury and illness prevention, 3) workers' compensation, 4) staff development and training, 5) public/environmental health, and 6) key issues.

General Manager Goldstein updated the Commission on the budgetary matters discussed last month. She spoke about budget balancing ideas and the status on the operational approaches to workreaction, park patrol and the new pool model.

President John Murray asked the General Manager to add a column to the budget balancing ideas spreadsheet that aligns the Department's strategy objectives.

Dan McKenna spoke about the organizational team formed under the leadership of John Farley that comprises staff who rely upon park patrol and the services they provide. He also spoke about the team meeting to implement an operation plan where they identified particular areas that need to be addressed: 1) communications, 3) security, 4) enforcement and 5) public service. He explained that the operational committee would concentrate on these issues and make specific recommendations at the next full Commission meeting.

After the presentation on park patrol the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) park patrol duties, 2) including a grid to show services corresponding with staff person, 3) alternatives being explored by task force, 4) work orders obligated to the police department, 5) money the Department has to perform these park patrols functions, 6) alternate proposal from staff to retain some positions and 6) the role of park patrol has on the determination of the operations plan. Dan McKenna explained that his presentation identified duties of the park patrol today and that in the next presentation to the Commission it will include a grid that was recommended. In response to the Commission's concerns, General Manager Goldstein explained that: 1) all alternatives would be evaluated and the Department will come back to the Commission with recommendations, 2) $300,000 was set aside to support the services park patrol provides and 3) the Department has no obligation to other department for anticipated work orders. President John Murray stated that park patrol has a voice in the process but the Commission holds General Manager Goldstein accountable for the plan.

Jay Fetters, Park Patrol Officer, spoke about the role of the park patrol officer and emphasized that in the master plan it was recommended to have park patrol. Lorraine Grassano, Park Patrol Officer, spoke about the hundreds of signatures from park users who strongly prefer that park patrol remain in Golden Gate Park and neighborhood parks. She also spoke about the alternative plan John Rupert has submitted on behalf of park patrol and urged the Commissioners to direct the General Manager to reorganize other park employees and temporarily reduce park patrol rather than eliminate this unique and vital unit. Michael Horan, Park Patrol Officer, spoke about an article in the Independent regarding the San Francisco Police Department and a petition he circulated in the Richmond area with signatures from police officers stating they did not want to do park patrols job. Chris Duderstadt member of the Alliance of Golden Gate Park stated that they are very supportive of keeping park patrol. He spoke about calling 911 about an incident at Golden Gate Park and no one ever showed. However, a park patrol officer was in the area and took care of the situation in a very professional and appropriate manner. He stated if the Department does not have park patrol in place there would not be enforcement in our parks.

Sean McGrew, Assistant Recreation Supervisor in Charge of Aquatics gave a presentation on the New Aquatics Model. He spoke about: 1) current model, 2) current model problems, 3) proposed model, 4) benefits of proposed model and 5) other aquatic jurisdictions.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) aquatics jurisdictions, 2) job titles in new model, 3) safety in locker rooms, 4) student swimming requirements, 5) partnerships to raise revenue, 6) lifeguard vacancies, and 7) lifeguard opportunities for cashiers.

Sean McGrew addressed the Commission's concerns. General Manager Goldstein explained that the union and cashiers have approached the Department to look at like title equivalence in other areas of the Department.

James Bryant representing SEIU Local 790 stated his anger concerning the comments made by the Department that there was diversity and balance when making their decision to eliminate the locker room attendants, pool cashiers and park patrol. He asked the Commission to seriously look at this issue.

Denise Couther Graham, SEIU 790 Recreation and Park Chapter President stated her concerns regarding the public's needs to keep city pools open and that the elimination of the pool cashiers and locker attendants will eventually lead to closure of city pools. She spoke about: 1) the facilities being used to maintain health and rehabilitation, 2) the lack of services to the public, 3) public safety, 4) shortages of lifeguards, 5) majority of employees laid off are minority, 6) public outreach to maximize revenue and 7) provisional employees continuing to work.

Valerie Aiken, SEIU 790 Negotiator stated her opposition to eliminate the pool cashiers and locker room attendants at City pools. She spoke about: 1) past agreements made to merge classifications in Aquatics, 2) alternatives to prevent lay offs, 3) lay off and/or eliminate across the board and 4) ideas to generate revenue.

Speaker #4 stated her opposition to eliminate the pool cashiers and locker room attendants. She also stated two concerns regarding the proposed new pool model. Her first concern was the installation of drop boxes because of her disability she felt that she was being denied access because it would be difficult for her to get to. Her second concern was compared jurisdiction, she felt that the comparison was not logical because the cities compared were small in comparison to San Francisco.

President John Murray agreed with the last speaker regarding compared jurisdiction and asked Sean McGrew to show more detail regarding the number of facilities and staffing that are being compared for each jurisdiction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted: RES. NO. 0303-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the February 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0303-002

Donation To

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RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Review Panel's recommendation for Lincoln Park, Sharp Park, and Golden Gate Park short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the various Request for Proposal ("RFP") phases. RES. NO. 0303-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Commission on a new fee structure for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

RES. NO. 0303-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve increasing the cost of the San Francisco Resident Golf Cards from $20.00 annually to $40.00 annually. RES. NO. 0303-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors for the acceptance of a gift in-kind in the amount of $66,000.00 for the National Aids Memorial Grove. RES. NO. 0303-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors an increase in fees from $10 per month to $30 per month for the Department's School-Year Latchkey Program and $80 per month for full-day Summer Latchkey Program in FY 2003/04. RES. NO. 0303-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does set a policy on the basis for annual appropriation of funds for "Acquisition of Real Property" and the use of other fund sources to meet the acquisition funding requirement as defined by Charter Section 16.107 PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FUND - Paragraph: (f), 3. RES. NO. 0303-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does set a policy on the basis for annual appropriation and use of the "Unallocated Contingency Reserve" in the Open Space Fund as defined by Charter Section 16.107 PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FUND - Paragraph: (f), 2. RES. NO. 0303-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does set an interest rate, and the terms of a loan from Open Space and Grant Funds to the Golf Fund and establish an annual appropriation plan for the repayment of those funds as previously approved by the Commission in February of 2002. RES. NO. 0303-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a fee increase for the children's admission to the Golden Gate Park Carrousel. RES. NO. 0303-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve increasing fees for the Randall Museum Summer Camps beginning in June 2003. RES. NO. 0303-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit for Bauer-Cusack & Cusack, Inc. dba Rainbow Montessori Nursery School for the use of the McCoppin Playground Clubhouse.

RES. NO. 0303-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a gift-in-place valued at $18,000 for athletic court improvements at Julius Kahn Playground. RES. NO. 0303-014

Chris Duderstadt spoke about the traffic study for the concourse garage that deals with all parking matters within the park, which does not mention parking meters. He stated that he was not opposing item 4M, which only spoke to fees and not how it would be implemented. He also stated that before this item goes forward it would be appropriate to involved the public in the process. General Manager Goldstein explained that item 4M sets a fee for parking in parks it does not obligate the Department to parking meters. She also explained that the Department has spoke publicly about this issue at every public session and the Chronicle had a highlighted piece on the Department's budget regarding this issue. Commissioner Lazarus asked Mr. Duderstadt if his issue was regarding the public process if a parking meter system was implemented. Chris Duderstadt explained that his issue was the entire topic of charging people to park in Golden Gate Park. Commissioner Lazarus stated that there have been a lot of discussions about the Department not having money and this was one way the Department was looking at to raise revenue. President John Murray supported the statement made by Commissioner Lazarus that over then last six months this item has come up as one of the key ways the Department was looking at to raise revenues and there were a number of people who spoke about the desire to eliminate commuter parking in the park. Chris Duderstadt explained that one issue is issuing permits for commuter parking and the issue of parking meters seven days a week in two hundred parking spaces in the park was a different issue.

Judy Spain representing Lincoln and Harding Women's Golf Clubs stated on behalf of both clubs she expressed the unhappiness at the doubling of the resident card fee, coupled with the increase in golf fees. She stated that the new fees are a bit much.

Francis McCall, Friends of Muni Golf member spoke about his group advocating green fees to be tied into the CPI that was adopted by the Board of Supervisor last spring. He suggested that the same formula be use when Harding and Fleming Park Course opens July 1, 2003 and apply to all muni golfers effective for one year and see what the cash flow produces. He stated that his group is opposed to charging weekend rates for green fees on Friday and should be rescinded. President John Murray stated that a group that will be formed to advise the Department on green fees at Harding Park and they will report to the Commission which will involve a lot of process around this issue.

Denise D'Anne stated that she would not like to see anyone laid-off at all. She urged the Commission to charge employees to park on City property and suggested that people who park in the parks all day should be charge twice the rate to encourage the use of public transit.

Howard Strassner spoke about a report on rates for commuter parking that he had done for the Department. He stated that people who will oppose paying for parking in the park and it would be more palpable if the Department clearly shows that commuters are being charged a higher rate. He stated the Department should charge $1.50 for hourly parking to raise revenue.

Steven Willis representing the Alliance for Golden Gate Park and the Bicycle Coalition, requested that item 4M be removed from the consent calendar because this plan involves setting a price for parking in the park which completely invalidates the EIR for both the Golden Gate Park Concourse Garage project and the draft EIR for the California Academy of Sciences. He stated his concerns: 1) that neither EIR has

addressed a plan to implement parking fees, 2) about traffic issues on the eastside of the park, 3) that this plan is not in compliance with CEQA, 4) for the rights of the public impacted by this plan, 5) that the primary planners of the garage were not involved and 6) that the Department coordinate this plan with other projects in the park.

Mary Anne Miller representing San Francisco Tomorrow and SPEAK stated that the items from the budget ideas could bring in so much more money from certain sources rather than the Department's approach to parking meters. She spoke about: 1) implementing limited parking, 2) charging high fines and 3) discouraging commuter parking. She asked the Commission to remove this item from the consent calendar because it is a controversial matter and the Brown Act requires that when you have a matter of controversy you do not approve it by consent.

Lydia Tikku representing Neighbor Parks Council spoke about the community feedback from district meetings that were held throughout the City supporting the budget ideas put forth by the Department. She stated that the public backs the fee increases on the Consent Calendar by their votes at the budget hearings and urged the Commission to give their consent. She recommended on behalf of NPC that the citizen advisory committee that will be set-up for Harding Park Golf Complex have a balance view.

Reola Freeman representing Junior Golf stated that she supported raising golf fees. She spoke about the juniors on the golf team that wants to play the bigger courses. She asked the Commission if they had to get a resident card. President John Murray explained that a committee will be advising the Department about fees for Harding and there will be opportunities to make sure the Commission takes this issue into consideration.

Commissioner Chin removed item 4M from the consent calendar onto the general calendar.

GENERAL CALENDAR

GOLDEN GATE PARK - PARKING FEES

Commissioner Chin moved this item to the general calendar because of comments made by Howard Strassner and NPC that by maxing out the income from parking other parts of the Department would benefit. The Commission has not seen the study by Wilbur Smith nor had the benefit of DPT's expertise on it and asked General Manager Goldstein if there was a discernable difference between charging a $1.00 or a $1.50 for commuter parking and see what the demand will be because the net effect might be a substantial amount of income especially given everything else that we've heard today in terms of the more egregious claims of cuts we are considering.

General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department tried to implement the master plan by having three to four hour parking everywhere with exception of two relatively peripheral streets Conservatory East and Kezar. The Department is not suggesting that there could be all day parking elsewhere other than that. The reason the Department is doing this is for the short-term gain on the assumption that we are going to eliminate it as we move forward and that ultimately commuter parking would be eliminate even in those two places. The Department is trying to set a rate that commensurate with on street parking in neighborhoods and other places in San Francisco and that is why the rate is set that way it is trying not to set a prohibited rate for the three and four hour parking and presumably the vast majority of people will be using the park. President John Murray asked General Manager Goldstein if the cost of parking is below the public transportation costs encouraging people to not

take public transit. General Manager Goldstein explained that the rates were based on rates set citywide and has relied on the expertise of DPT, MUNI and others which the Department is adopting.

Commissioner Chin asked staff if the adjoining areas are residential permit parking. General Manager Goldstein explained that there are residential permit parking in the Sunset and Haight but not in the Richmond.

Michael Frank clarified two comments. 1) the parking meters installed will be a box for every 10 spaces, 2) fees that were set up to $1 hour, which is the fee charged at all City parking meters. He spoke about this item as being one of the Department's budget balancing items for implementation by July 1, 2003.

President John Murray asked Michael Frank if there was advantage to the Department if the Commission approved up to a higher rate and it was implement at $1.00. Michael Frank explained that this item would be going to the Board of Supervisors and issue may be brought up there.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that the Department's goal is not to create a permanent situation with parking paid on the streets at the eastside of the park as commented. He spoke about the EIR for the Concourse Authority indicating that there will be significant number of parking spaces removed from the eastside of the park as part of the requirement of Proposition J. He also spoke about the conversations with staff to look at an interim plan that would provide very little parking on JFK Drive. He suggested a study be done that would result in automobiles having access to the south side of JFK Drive and the north side would be used permanently for recreational vehicles in addition to Sunday closure.

President John Murray asked Commissioner Lazarus if he would like to bring his request during Commissioners' Matters.

Mary Anne Miller stated her concerns about: 1) a comment made by General Manager Goldstein that it was not the intention of the Department to have this permanent, 2) adding a sunset clause to the resolution to go to the Board of Supervisors, 3) doing a study to avoid creating problems. General Manager Goldstein clarified her earlier comment regarding the proposal for this item that paid parking at the eastern end of the park be permanent and temporarily for this fiscal crisis with exemption to commuter parking on Kezar and Conservatory Drive East only are the only places that the Department is proposing to permit parking longer than three or four hour parking. She explained that temporary as a short term basis considered the fiscal crisis to last up to next three to four years. Commissioner Lazarus commented that the Commission having the right to implement parking dependent on the parking places that remain as the years go by if approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Chin stated that he removed this item from the consent calendar to discuss charging higher fees for commuter parking and agrees with having parking meter rates commensurate with the adjoining neighborhood. He asked if there could be flexibility to see the demand to adjust fees. General Manager Goldstein suggested that the Commission could leave the recommendation as is or include a clause, which could be added as it moves forward to the Board indicating that the commuter parking rate would be set in these two areas and that be set by the Commission in a separate action. Commissioner Lazarus suggested tying in the all day proposed rate for the Kezar Lot.

Steven Willis stated his concerns about: 1) removing this item from the consent calendar and heard at the same meeting, 2) it being unclear that Prop J gave the Concourse Authority control of the transportation plan throughout the park, 4) having

input from the members of public and Music Concourse Community Partnership and 5) how the implementation would impact the park and how it comes together with the garage. General Manager Goldstein explained that the decision from Concourse Authority comes to this Commission for approval and the Recreation and Park Commission has jurisdiction of all park property. She also explained this issue has been discussed at staff level with the Concourse Authority and as the Department moves forward through this proposal a consultant was hired in conjunction with one of their consultants who has been doing the work on the environmental and traffic studies for the Concourse Authority to look at and evaluate this proposal. Mr. Willis stated that this information was reassuring and to overturn decisions made by the Concourse Authority the Commission would need a two-thirds vote. He also stated that he was not opposed to surface parking because ultimately the garage will run into so many problems legally that surface parking is the answer there is no need for a garage in the park and without the garage it would save the City $40 million. City Attorney Virginia Dario Elizondo stated that it is a supermajority and the language of the ordinance was for all of the resolutions the Commission will need a two-thirds vote.

Background/Description: The Department presently collects parking fees at the Kezar and Golden Gate Park Music Concourse parking lots, Candlestick Park, and at the Department's garages. The Department hired a transportation consultant to do a preliminary feasibility study of fee parking at a number of other selected Recreation and Park properties.

Fee parking has the potential to stimulate parking turnover while continuing to provide access to park facilities and provide revenue to help support park activities. The Department believes that through the use of permits and multi-space meters like those being installed by the Department of Park ing and Traffic, $500,000 of net revenue could be generated during next fiscal year (excluding capital costs). The Department has included this amount as one of its budget balancing measures for FY 2003-04.

The City's parking meters charge between $.50 and $1.00 per hour. The fee in the Concourse parking lot is presently set at $1.00 per hour and was approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1995. The Department and the transportation consultant believe that a parking fee rate on Commission properties up to $1.00 per hour is reasonable and desirable.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the fees for any mechanism in the three and four hour zones in the park be set up to $1.00 and authorize the Commission to set a commuter parking fee which may be in excess of $1.00 an hour for Kezar Drive and Conservatory East.

GOLDEN GATE PARK - PARKING FEES ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

Michael Frank explained that this item was heard at the Finance Committee meeting and proposed a change to extend the area on JFK Drive to place the four-hour limit parking.

Chris Duderstadt stated that a correction was needed on the map that staff used because it shows a section of Kennedy Drive and Kezar East, which is traffic lane. He

asked if there would be parking meters at the Children's Playground, Sharon Lodge and Lawn Bowling parking lots that are in this exact area. Michael Frank explained that there would be parking meters at the Children's Playground area not commuter parking. Commissioner Lazarus ask staff what the impact would be at the Stow Lake and if it should be included as an option to go to the Board of Supervisors. General Manager Goldstein explained that the parking at Stow Lake area had been discussed and believe that is not a significant issue because from the commuter destinations and mass transportation the Department does not think that it is likely to be impacted and if it turns into a problem the Department could always come back to this Commission and add that area into the plan.

Background/Description: Parking fees are presently collected in the Golden Gate Park Concourse parking lots adjacent to the California Academy of Sciences and in the Kezar parking lot. The Department hired a transportation consultant to do a preliminary feasibility study of fee parking at a number of other selected Recreation and Park properties.

Fee parking has the potential to stimulate parking turnover while continuing to provide access to park facilities and provide revenue to help support park activities. The Department believes that through the use of permits and multi-space meters like those being installed by the Department of Parking and Traffic, $500,000 of net revenue could be generated during next fiscal (excluding capital costs). The Department has included this amount as one of its budget balancing measures for FY 2003-04.

Staff recommended implementing the Golden Gate Park Master Plan element that designates three and four hour parking limits in the eastern end of the Park. Staff also recommended allowing permit parking up to nine hours on Conservatory Drive East and on Kezar Drive.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the additional locations for the collection of parking fees in Golden Gate Park.

LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Jaci Fong addressed the following issues raised at Finance Committee meeting:

1) How would staff evaluate economies of scale by going out individually for these courses? Jaci Fong explained that it was determined that it would be inherent in the bid process that any economies of scale would be actually reflected in the bid for management fees.

2) Why a shorter term? Jaci Fong explained that staff has suggested this because staff will do an evaluation of Lincoln shortly that could be potentially very different and requirements much more stringent and higher depending on what that vision would be. The Department would not only be looking at renovating the course but there is a potential to relocate the clubhouse to a different site which would be reviewed in the process. Staff would look at a lease agreement where potentially the manager would be putting up a lot more capital than the Department is asking for, so the Department could see a really different kind of an agreement potentially long-term that would amortize the cost of the improvements. She pointed out that there were 22

prospective bidders that requested the RFQ and in the RFQ we did include the proposed terms and only nine people choose to respond to the RFQ and if we were to change the terms at this time the RFQ process would need to be repeated based on the changed terms.

President John Murray asked Jaci Fong what was the actual number of proposal submitted for Harding. Jaci Fong explained that there were four proposals submitted and six qualified.

Commissioner Lazarus asked at the Finance Committee why the Department would go through this process when there are costs to proceed for a potentially short contract. Jaci Fong explained that this lease was signed twice and has been on month-to-month for two years under the assignment and was on month-to-month prior to that and that is why the Department would like to go out to bid. She also explained that the Department really appreciated that the current operator, Yugi Golf, stepped up to the plate taking over when the Palmer Group walked away from Lincoln. President John Murray explained that when the Palmer Group left, the Department was left in the lurch and this item was rush to the Commission for consideration. He stated that the operator has done a good job but we have a duty to have a selection process for people who manage our facilities.

Commissioner Chin asked staff when the financial plan would be in place to start the bid process. Gary Hoy explained that after the completion of Harding, April 2005, is the earliest Lincoln could close for construction. President John Murray explained the operator would be picked close to opening in 2006. He asked staff if the RFP would include the Department having the choice to renew and extend until a different operator was chosen. Jaci Fong explained that the two one-year options were suggested so that there would not be the necessity for a buyout in the event that the Department proceeded with renovations. Commissioner Chin asked staff if a two-year with a one-year option was considered. He stated that the issue was who would bid for a one-year contract. Jaci Fong explained that she discussed this issue with the City Attorney and it was advised that it was a compromise the Department could do without significantly changing the terms of the agreement. Commissioner Lazarus asked staff if there would be a significant material change if the Department made it a three-year contract with right to early cancellation. Amy Brown, City Attorney's Office explained that the change Commissioner Lazarus suggested would be acceptable change since the Department would be staying within the maximum amount of time to let potential proposers know that the Department was interested possibly retaining their services.

Background: The Recreation and Park Commission approved a combined Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") package for Lincoln Park, Sharp Park and Golden Gate Park golf courses through its Resolution #0211-007 on November 21, 2002. A combined RFQ allowed each respondent to request to be qualified for one or more of the available courses. It was clearly defined in the language of the RFQ that each course would require a separate proposal during the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase. Presented for the Commission's discussion and approval today was the RFP package for Lincoln Park Golf Course, the first of the three courses from the RFQ to be put to bid. Of the nine (9) respondents to the RFQ, seven (7) entities qualified for the opportunity to submit a proposal for the management and operation of Lincoln Golf Course. The selected entity will be under contract to the City though a Management Agreement ("Agreement"). The Manager will operate Lincoln Golf Course on the City's behalf and all revenues from all sources shall come to the City in an exchange for a management fee and possible incentives to be paid to the Manager.

At this time, Lincoln is scheduled to be the next course in line for rehabilitation, possibly as early as the fall of 2004. Such a project will require a temporary closure

much the same as with Harding Park Golf Complex. For this reason we are offering an initial term of one (1) year for this Management Agreement with up to two one (1)-year options, should they be needed. As the "new" Lincoln course may demand additional requirements not contemplated in this RFP package, another competitive bidding process will be conducted to select a manager prior to the reopening of the course.

Among the requirements for submittal, as part of the respondents' proposal, are:

1. A management summary highlighting the proposal

2. A management plan including descriptions of:

· maximizing use of the facility

· developing programs for the entire golfing community

· marketing the facility to local golfers, and those across the greater Bay Area, the Nation and the world; how local hotel rate and packages will be developed

· interacting with local community organizations such as local golf clubs and neighborhood associations

· developing collateral activities such as the restaurant, bar and banquet facilities and operations; merchandising and instruction programs

· developing a plan to satisfy the City's request for making a best faith effort to utilize local minority and women-owned businesses for participation in project development and operations (15% for MBE and 9% for WBE)

· all cash handling procedures and reporting method

3. A budget and plan for cost containment procedures

4. A statement of proposed financial terms and assumptions

5. Compliance with all applicable Human Rights Commission requirements

6. A submittal security deposit in the amount of $10,000 to accompany the proposal which shall be increased to $25,000 within three (3) business days if such proposal is selected for the negotiation stage. Deposits from all others shall be returned promptly.

Michael Han Lincoln Park Golf Club, President stated his club's opposition to go forward with this proposal. He encouraged the Commission to take no action to begin the RFP process. He stated that the Club's position is very simple which is a short-term RFP process is unnecessary. He spoke about the RFP costing time, money and resources which could be spent elsewhere more effectively. The current vendor does a good job and we feel confident that they would continue to do so up until the fall of 2004 when Lincoln is potentially going to be renovated. He stated that the club wants to see the course renovated and think its great with what's happening at Harding Park and we fully agree that a full more detailed RFP process should take place at that time.

Dan De Vries Lincoln Park Golf Club board member stated that he echoes the previous

speaker. He spoke about playing at Lincoln Golf Course a lot aside from club activity and welcomes the possibility of the course being renovated. He also stated that he must agree that it does not make a lot of sense for a short-term contract to go out to bid and spoke to other users of the course who have been very satisfied with service that they receive.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the release of a Request for Proposals for the management and operation of the Lincoln Park Golf Course with a clarification that it will be three years with an early cancellation option if the Department takes the course out of use for construction with forty-five days notice.

PHOTOGRAPHY CENTER'S FEE INCREASE

Dan McKenna presented this item to the Commission for increasing fees at the Photography Center.

This item was heard by the Finance and Administration Committee on March 6, 2003. The Committee recommended that the proposal be heard at the full Commission on March 20, 2003, with the changes to the fee schedule.

President John Murray asked staff costs were covered with this proposal. Dan McKenna explained that by the third year the Department would be close to breaking even with the three-year fee schedule. He also pointed out that the Youth and Seniors fees are the same.

Commissioner Bonilla asked how the Department classifies seniors. General Manager Goldstein explained that at the photo center the senior classification is age 62.

President John Murray stated that the Commission would only be approving FY 2003-04 as stated on the agenda. He encouraged Mr. Gaar and Mr. Blum to seek funding because this item will surely come back to the Commission at future meetings.

Background:

The Department's Photography Center provides a unique opportunity for citizens to explore the creative side of developing photographic negatives utilizing modern darkroom equipment. Currently, membership is to any interested photographer, with a current membership of 791 citizens from throughout the City.

The Department has 3.5 FTE instructors ($125,000) for the program and provides an additional $12,000 for materials and supplies. The program currently yields approximately $60,000 in revenues from associated fees and membership dues. The current fee structure was approved in 1986:

Category	Fee
Adult Annual Membership	$200/yr. With unlimited use
Youth Annual Membership	$100/yr. With unlimited use
Adult	$50/yr. And $5/visit
Youth	$25/yr. And $2.50/visit

Senior	$25/yr. And $2.50/visit

Since this is a unique program comparable fees offered by local public or private facilities is limited. Complicating the comparison is the sophisticated services that are available at the Center as compared with the other public agencies. The following locations are facilities known to offer the public similar services:

Facility	Fee
Studio One (Oakland Park & Rec.)	$2.10/hr.
Photo Central (Hayward Park & Rec.)	$4.00/hr.
Focus Gallery (Private)	$7.80 - 10.00/hr.
39th Exposure (Private)	$12.50/hr.

Approximately 96% of the Center's members are comprised of adults utilizing the $50/yr. and $5 per visit option. Each visit lasts approximately 4 to 6 hours, with many individuals utilizing the facility on average one and half times per month. The Department would incorporate a scholarship program for those individuals experiencing economic hardships.

The Department is proposing the following new fee schedule:

Category	Fee
FY 03/04	
Adult Annual Membership	$250/ year With unlimited use
Youth/Sr. Annual Membership	$125/ year With unlimited use
Adult	$50/ six months & $5.00/visit
Youth/Senior	$25/ six months & $5.00/visit

Based upon the new fee structure the Department would anticipate an additional $40,000 in revenues during FY03/04, the rates would then be adjusted by CPI on an annual basis.

History:

The Photography Center has been a community resource for over forty years. This unique facility has provided amateur photographers with equipment that is usually unaffordable and inaccessible.

Joseph A. Blum stated he was happy to see the change for seniors and that he did not oppose raising the fee for the first year. He spoke about not being affected by the second year since he would start paying senior fees but felt that the fees for third year are extremely steep. He urged the Commission to approve the fee increase in the first year and hold at bay the fees for the second and third year because it would cause a hardship. Greg Gaar a 30-year member of the Photo Center spoke about his interest for collecting old photographs of San Francisco. He explained that he does slide shows and walking tours mostly public service and that his income was very low. He stated that he absolutely does not have a problem raising the fees to $250 the first year and according to the agenda item we should be dealing with FY 2003-04 and felt that the next two fiscal years should not even be discussed today. He thanked staff for doing an exceptional job running the photography center, which has the largest membership ever. He suggested that the Department raise revenue for the photo center by pursuing grants.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors an increase in fees for
the use of the Photography Center's Darkroom and related photographic equipment in FY 2003/04.

KEZAR PARKING LOT

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission with recommendations from the Finance Committee to review the commercial and residential monthly parking fees.

Commissioner Lazarus' concern at the Finance Committee meeting was the fee increase for the hourly rate was much greater as a percentage than the increase for a monthly permit. Chris Mack explained that the reason for the monthly rate was to try to fill-up the lot and the Department will more than make-up the revenue with a full lot.

Background/Description: Staff is suggesting a fee increase for Kezar Parking Lot ("Kezar") per the schedule as shown in Exhibit A. The last fee increase for Kezar was approved by the Commission on June 18, 1998 (Resolution #9806-093), and the Board of Supervisors on June 29, 1999 (Ordinance #203-99). Prior to that the rates had not been increased since September of 1991. With this increase, staff is also requesting the authorization to increase rates each July 1st by no more than increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco - Oakland - San Jose Area, rounded up or down to the nearest quarter. Under this proposal, we would establish the new rates as the base rates, and the July 2003 index as the base index.

Under the current management agreement, which was effective on August 1, 1999, the lot has received numerous capital improvements including the addition of an ADA attendant shelter with restroom, the installation of a new ticketing system, and the repair and/or replacement of the perimeter fencing. The entire lot has been resurfaced and restriped and all the light standards repaired and repainted.

This item was heard by the Finance and Administration Committee on March 6, 2003. The Committee recommended that the proposal be heard at the full Commission on March 20, 2003, with the exception that there be further discussion on increasing the Monthly Residential Rate to $125, and the Monthly Commercial Rate to $155.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a fee increase for the Kezar Parking Lot in Golden Gate Park and that staff report back on occupancy in revenue after January 2004.

HARDING PARK PARKING LOT

Gary Hoy presented this item to Commission to award a contract to El Camino Paving, Inc. for improvements to the Harding Park Parking Lot.

Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to the Harding Park Parking Lot Project. Of the 8 bids received, El Camino Paving, Inc. was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder submitting a construction base bid of $749,488, alternate #1 bid of $39,400 for groundcover and irrigation, and alternate #2 bid of $69,500 for parking lot lighting. This cumulative bid is $402,500 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,260,885. Upon Commission's approval of award, staff will initiate the contract review and certification process, followed by the start of the 70-day construction period.

Project Description: Harding Park is a 1634-acre facility located on Harding Road at Skyline Boulevard within Assessor's Block 7283. The park is a triangular area of land that extends into Lake Merced, in the southwestern corner of San Francisco. Harding Park has two existing golf courses, a clubhouse, cart barn and restaurant facility. The Harding Park Parking Lot Project is part of the overall Harding Park and Fleming Golf Course Renovation (originally part of the clubhouse work).

The work includes constructing a 235-stall parking lot; grading, curbs, aggregate base, asphalt concrete, striping and signage; irrigation; landscaping; drainage; electrical work; and other related work. The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual renovation plans on March 21, 2002, per the Resolution No. 0203-007.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-020

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to El Camino Paving, Inc. for the base bid and alternates 1 & 2 in the amount of $858,388 for the Harding Park Parking Lot Project.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT BUDGET CONTINGENCIES FOR FY 2003-04

Mary King Gorwky gave a presentation on the proposed budget that is required to go to the Mayor's and Controller's Offices as part of the FY 2003/04 Budget submission. She spoke about: 1) three-year strategic outlook memo and contingency narrative, 2) public budget hearing, 3) department revenue report, 4) program expenditure report, 5) Mayor's equipment request form 6) contingency detail and summary form, 7) reduction of filed positions in budget, 8) legislative changes assumed in budget, 9) CIAC, and 10) performance measures.

President John Murray asked staff if performance measures would be included in the model. General Manager Goldstein explained that the performance measures would test whether or not we are achieving public satisfaction and the Department will use an evaluation tool and will report back to the Commission to determine whether or not it made sense to include the performance evaluation in the model. President John Murray asked staff to have a registration process for people who participate in the Department's programs to collect contact information.

General Manager Goldstein gave a presentation on the budget contingency. She spoke about: 1) budget reduction targets FY 2003/04, 2) approved measures, 3) approved measures status updates requested, 4) proposed budget measures, 5) budget balancing measures $6.3 million, 6) proposed contingency measures and 7) administration.

President John Murray asked the General Manger if there was a reason the Department does not charge admission at Randall Museum. General Manager Goldstein explained that this issue has been raised by the Department and the Board at Randall Museum will look at their fee structure and programs and come back to the Department with a proposal.

President John Murray asked the General Manager: 1) why the estimated value of the parking lot across from Candlestick Park was low and 2) how many spaces are in the parking lot. General Manger Goldstein explained that a conservative estimate was used because the Department is in process of asking the Department of Real Estate to evaluate the actual fair market value of the property. Jaci Fong explained that there are 80 spaces in the lot and it is ran as part of a contiguous lot and the Department's portion is very small.

President John Murray asked the General Manager to provide data on the ethnic distribution on the proposed layoffs to ensure balance. General Manger Goldstein explained that data regarding the ethnic distribution has been done but she has not had a chance to review it and provide her input at the Finance Committee meeting next month.

Commissioner Bonilla asked the General Manager to explain how the administrative cuts translates in the overall budget cuts. General Manger Goldstein explained that the total of administrative cuts is $250,000 of a $9.7 million package five percent of the overall budget cuts. President John Murray asked staff what percentage the cuts represented in the overall personnel budget of the administrative program. Mary King Gorwky explained that it is eight percent of the personnel budget.

Emeric Kalman spoke about an issue he raised a couple of months ago regarding Administrative Code 3.17 requiring the Department to have a saving incentive program. General Manager Goldstein apologized to Mr. Kalman and will address this issue at the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Kalman asked why the City does not have a unified budgeting system. President John Murray explained that the Mayor's Office runs the budget process and when the budget get unified when the Department heads gets together.

Elaine Molinari, Consultant for the Treasure Island Homeless Development Initiative stated that they have asked for the past four years for the Department to provide recreational services on Treasure Island. She understands the budget situation, which is very difficult, however, she wanted the Department to be aware that there is another neighborhood in San Francisco, Treasure Island that has absolutely no service. Carl Beasley representing Treasure Island stated the he supports and agrees with Elaine Molinari and hopefully we can get something done or a response. President John Murray stated that there are no budgeted dollars to provide services on Treasure Island and in the past the Department has pointed your organization to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office to designate money for Treasure Island.

Commissioner Lazarus stated his concern about the continued reduction of gardeners and maintenance and was very distress that the Department may go back to where it was six or seven years ago with the poor levels of maintenance at the facilities. He stated that he is award there are program cuts in the budget but feels that the Department is program heavy and asked staff to look at the program issues again.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0303-021

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department budget balancing measures and budget contingencies for Fiscal Year 2003/04.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Worsley stated his concerns about the concession at Coit Tower.

Emeric Kalman spoke about the Bay Guardian article regarding not taking minutes and recording the Finance Committee meetings. He stated that he did not file a personal complaint but gave public comment at the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. He asked if the Commission had bylaws regarding the work of the Commission and Committees, if so, when was the last update. He stated that whenever there charter or code changes that affects Recreation and Park the bylaws should be updated. To be more specific he has been experiencing difficulty finding public information and documents regarding a capital project which today is $39 million and the Board of Supervisor's gave approval to file for a loan with the State. He asked the Commission to please stop the process because the state codes are not being followed. President John Murray asked staff to provide a copy of the bylaws at the next Commission meeting. He also asked staff if Mr. Kalman was delivered a copy of the memo regarding the recordation of the Committee meetings, which are not required.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 5:27 p.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the Commission opened session at 5:31 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus announced that JVS which is a vocational services organization will be honoring Aaron Nacamulli who is with the Recreation and Park at Julius Kahn Playground. He is one of the three employees to be awarded at a luncheon on April 8, 2003 with an Employee of the Year award sponsored by Levi-Strauss and Company. He asked staff to report back to the Commission in two months regarding the feasibility of an interim or trial program on JFK Drive west of McLaren Lodge to make a traffic barrier east to west providing that through traffic on the south side of that street.

Commission Prozan asked staff to include employees paying for parking in the budget proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Liaison

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 2:05 p.m. by Commissioner Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

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Present:

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

John Murray

Billy Getty

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Sean McGrew, Aquatics Program Manager and Dan McKenna met with Aquatics staff to solicit input related to the new aquatic's operational model and address concerns related to the pending budget cuts. Information obtained at that meeting and a upcoming community meeting will be incorporated in the new operational model.

A major renovation project in Golden Gate Park's Rhododendron Island has been implemented with Department staff and the volunteer group Brick by Brick. The group will see the project through to completion, which is expected early next year. This project provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to become involved during

all phases of a complex project. We believe utilizing this type of model increases park stewardship and volunteer participation.

The Department has taken over the maintenance of five holes at Harding Park. Staff are now performing all maintenance activities on these holes. New holes will be turned over to the Department on a weekly basis. It is anticipated the staff will have responsibility for all 27 holes by the end of April. Work on the erosion and drainage projects is continuing and should not delay the course opening.

Randall Museum: The awards ceremony for the 21st Annual San Francisco Middle School Science Fair Museum was held on Saturday, March 1, 2003. Two hundred and two students from twenty-eight San Francisco Middle Schools submitted 187 projects for this year's Fair. Approximately 200 students and their friends and families attended. Dr. Alissa Arp, a Marine Biologist and the Director of Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies and Professor of Biology at San Francisco State University was the guest speaker and spoke about her profession and studies of deep-sea hydrothermal vent organisms. All of the 1st and 2nd place winners were invited by the Randall Museum to take a day off from school and tour the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies.

Richmond Recreation Center. Ms. Jennifer Gee, Recreation Director, has an ongoing collaboration with their neighbor, the Richmond YMCA, in organizing workshops for teens. One of their areas of focus is on developing future life skills. A workshop on the art of job interviews was conducted in January. Forty teens participated.

Umpire meetings/clinics have been conducted at West Sunset and Jackson Playgrounds, to train prospective umpires for the San Francisco Youth Baseball League.

United States Youth Games: Event Marketing Works will be hosting "Taste of the Bay", a fundraiser aboard the Signature Yacht on April 22, 2003. The event should raise between $5,000 and $25,000 for the Youth Games.

Committees for the various areas of responsibility of the Youth Games continue to meet. Venues for the athletic competitions have been identified and reserved.

Coordinators from participating cities throughout the nation will be coming to San Francisco for the Spring Coordinators' Meeting on April 9-12, 2003. Scott Golde, Recreation Director and the San Francisco Coordinator for the 2003 United States Youth Games has planned a full schedule of activities to keep them informed and entertained. The visiting coordinators will be taken on a tour of all the venues to be used. The chairs of the various events will make presentations, detailing their plans for this summer's games.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

A group of twenty-five children from our Latchkey program at J.P. Murphy went on the fourth overnight outing to Sierra-At-Tahoe ski resort, March 30th and 31st.

General Manager Goldstein recognized Michael Frank to give a presentation on the budget overview.

Michael Frank spoke about: 1) the State budget situation which remains unclear on how the City will be affected and 2) the City's $347 million deficit for FY 2003-04. He also spoke about the latest information from the Mayor's Budget Office: 1) during labor negotiations bargaining unit, Local 21 settled and appears that others will settle

soon, 2) the City believes the budget will be short and will need to take substantial portions of the Department's 10% contingency, 3) certain assumptions were made about the budget at the State level and if they do not occur as anticipated the Department might need to come up with reductions over and above the 10% and 4) the Department's budget was reduced for travel, training and vehicles.

General Manager Goldstein recognized John Farley to update the Commission on the work the Park Patrol Services Task Force has done.

John Farley, Golden Gate Park Area Supervisor and Park Patrol Task Force Chair spoke about the report presented to the Commission identifying the services that park patrol provides. He presented a plan for operating park patrol which showed a saving of approximately $315,000 or half the current park patrol budget. The park patrol staff had presented a plan of their own with similar savings and information from both plans were used to provide a comparison chart in the report. He explained the Summary Chart was divided into four categories of services that park patrols provides and the alternatives: 1) communications, 2) security, 3) enforcement, and 4) customer service.

John Ruppert, Park Patrol Supervisor, stated his concerns about the Department using private security as an alternative to park patrol.

Mike Horan, Park Patrol Officer, spoke about the importance of park patrol because of their knowledge and presence throughout Golden Gate Park, satellite parks and squares. He hopes that the cutbacks will be temporary until the economy improves and feels that park patrol can generate revenue to support themselves.

Jay Fetters, Park Patrol Officer, concurred with John Ruppert and Mike Horan regarding private security. He stated that private security is not dependable because there are constant turnovers.

Mac Ray Celis, Park Patrol Officer, feels that uniform presence in the parks is very important. He spoke about his duties as a park ranger and encouraged the Commission to keep the Park Patrol Rangers to continuing serving the City.

Commissioner Lazarus asked the General Manager if there was a staff recommendation to proceed. General Manager Goldstein explained that staff was not making a recommendation at this time and could not make a determination or a recommendation to the Commission until staff was confident of the dollar amounts listed and expected to be back to the Finance Committee at the May meeting.

Commissioner Chin commented that staff did an excellent job on the report, which reflects a good example of cooperative planning in a very difficult situation. He spoke about being a fan of park patrol and feels that there are significant advantages to having unarmed uniformed security. He asked staff: 1) if event promoters' pay the Department of Parking and Traffic, 2) if there are opportunities for additional park patrol officers at events and 3) if the capital plan includes security upgrades across the board for alarm improvements. John Farley explained that event promoters pay DPT and at certain events they pay for additional park patrol officers. Gary Hoy explained that all improvement plans of clubhouses, recreation centers, and facilities would be provided with new alarm system upgrades.Commissioner Chin spoke about his sister being one of the first minority women in the park service as a Ranger in Eureka and the importance of park patrol for customer service. He asked staff if they thought about volunteer opportunities to supplement the park patrols job - for example visitor information. General Manager Goldstein explained that staff have begun to talk about volunteer opportunities at a couple of key locations and agreed that customer service is a very important contact function.

Commissioner Bonilla commented that John Farley has really showed how vital park patrol has been for the City and for the overall park operations. She felt that it was clear that the Department needs park patrol and the level of funding is yet to be determined. She stated that given the years of experience and the knowledge base that we have already it seems that the Department would be remiss in venturing out and bringing in a new work force relating to security and other essential functions.

Commissioner Prozaz asked staff if the dog ticket revenue goes to the Department or to the General Fund? General Manager Goldstein explained that the dog ticket revenue goes to the General Fund.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0304-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the March 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0304-002

Exchange From

Six Flags Marine World 0.1 Be

2001 Marine World Parkway $100.00 exchange value

Vallejo, CA 94589 USDA 93-C-0021

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a temporary road closure request for "A Charity Celebrity Trail Ride" in Golden Gate Park on John F. Kennedy Drive from Chain of Lakes Drive East to Bernice Roger Drive, on September 6, 2003. This is a fundraiser for the Cure of Autism.

RES. NO. 0304-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does implement a Partial Scholarship/Campership Program giving qualifying participants a 50% reduction in fees for the Recreation and Park Department.

RES. NO. 0304-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Rent Credit to Gas House Cove Marina, Inc. for emergency dock repair.
RES. NO. 0304-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in fees for golf cart rentals and buckets of driving range balls at San Francisco municipal golf courses.
RES. NO. 0304-006

GENERAL CALENDAR

CANDLESTICKPARK

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission to approve a license agreement for Metallica Concert at Candlestick Park on August 10, 2003.

Background: The City was contacted by Bill Graham Enterprises, Inc. ("BGE") and an affiliate of Clear Channel, to hold another concert at Candlestick Park with the headliner act again being Metallica. Other scheduled entertainers are Limp Bizkit and Linkin Park. The previous concert that was held at Candlestick Park with Metallica, on July 14, 2000 was successful. The estimated attendance was over 50,000 for BGE's first event at Candlestick since 1987.

Highlighted terms of the Agreement are:

- A one-day event on August 10, 2003 with 5 days for set-up and 2 days for breakdown.
- The proposed hours of the event are from 3:00 until 11:30 p.m.
- The promoter is proposing a five-minute fire works display at the end of the event.
- The rental fee will be $170,000 to the Department.
- Licensee will provide and pay for all staffing inside of the stadium associated with the exhibition of the concert.
- Licensee will coordinate and pay all costs for City services including the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Fire Department, Department of Parking and Traffic, and Muni
- Licensee will coordinate and pay for protecting the field with Terraplas or an alternate product approved by the Department.

The proposed License agreement presented today for approval represents an opportunity for the Department to earn a License fee of $170,000 plus an estimated $87,500 from Admission Tax for an estimated total revenue of $257,500. Department costs estimated at $80,000 will be deducted from $257,500 for estimated net revenue of $177,500.

A special community meeting was held at the Southeast Community Facility on March 24, 2003. The promoter, Bill Graham Enterprises was present to address any community concerns. The major concern that was express was the level of the music, in particular the bass, and that they address that problem.

The Parks and Planning Committee heard this item on April 2, 2003. The Committee recommended that this item be passed on to the Commission's general calendar to allow them time to review the License Agreement. In addition, it was suggested that an estimate of the parking tax benefit that would be paid to the City's General Fund be shown below.

Financial Impact/Source of Funds:

Rental Fee to Department		$ 170,000
Estimated Revenue from Admissions Tax	+$	87,500
Estimated Department Staff cost to support the event	- $	80,000
Estimated Net revenue to Department		$ 177,500

Estimated Parking Tax revenue to the City $ 40,000

Admission Tax $2.25 per ticket.

Admission Tax to Department $1.75 per ticket.

Estimated ticket sales of 50,000.

Admission Tax Revenue to the Department - 50,000 tickets x $1.75 per ticket.

Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain: 1) if the revenue from this event was anticipated and 2) how staff will address concerns regarding sound. General Manager Goldstein explained that Candlestick stadium has a target for rent revenue and the revenue from this event was not anticipated. Chris Mack explained that the sound concerns were from another concert and at this event the stages on the southeast side will be projected toward the freeway away from the surrounding neighborhoods and the noise will be monitored. General Manager Goldstein commented that the Department is working with an extremely professional group and some of the sound problems were from past events where the promoters were less experienced.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0304-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the License Agreement as amended to require that payment be made in the form of a cashier's check for the exhibition of a Metallica Concert at Candlestick Park on Sunday, August 10, 2003 from 3:00 until 11:30 p.m. with five-minutes of fireworks at the end of the event.

PARKSIDE SQUARE

Gary Hoy presented this item to the Commission to award a construction contract to M.H. Construction Management Co., Inc. for Parkside Square Playground Renovation Project.

The Finance Committee heard this item on April 3, 2003 and at that time the Department was not given a determination from HRC as to the apparent low bidder.

Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to Parkside Square Playground Renovations Project. Of the four bids received M.H. Construction Management Co. Inc. was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder submitting a construction base bid of $967,000, an alternate #1 bid of $14,000 and an alternate #2 bid of $10,600. This cumulative bid is $991,600 under the proposed landscape architecture estimate, which was set at $1,036,051. Upon Commission's approval, staff will initiate the 6-month construction project.

Project Description: The Parkside Square Playground is located at 28th Avenue and Vicente Street in the Parkside District of San Francisco (District 4). The existing playground is approximately 12,000 square feet and is part of the larger existing recreation complex that includes a baseball field, and tennis and basketball courts.

The Parkside Square Playground renovation project will expand the play area to a total of 21,000 square feet. The playground will be a fully accessible play area and involves replacing the existing play structures in the children's pre-school and school-age play areas with new play structures, installing a water feature, two sand play elements, and safety matting, modifying the existing drainage system, installing new paving, concrete ramps, curb, and wall irrigation, and landscaping, replacing existing benches and picnic tables, and other miscellaneous improvements including a drinking fountain and trash receptacle. Alternate bid items include: 1) gates and 3-foot high vinyl clad fencing, 2) 12-foot high vinyl clad fending, 3) a woodland walk with sculptures, a musical chime, and a maze, and 4) integral colored concrete.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual renovation plans on September 11, 2002, per the Resolution No. 0209-004.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0304-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to M.H. Construction Management Co., Inc. for the base bid and alternatives #1 and #2 in the amount of $991,600 for the Parkside Square Playground Renovation Project.

HARDING PARK GOLF COMPLEX

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission to approve a management agreement with Kemper Sports Management for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

Background: The Recreation and Park Commission affirmed the recommendation of Kemper Sports Management ("Kemper") as the selected entity to manage and operate the Harding Park Golf Complex through its Resolution #0302021 at a special meeting held on February 10, 2003. The competitive bidding process began with the advertising and issuance of a Request for Qualifications in the fall of 2002 and a Request for Proposals process for the finalists that resulted in the selection of Kemper as the prospective manager.

Soon after the Commission's affirmation, Department staff and representatives from the City Attorney's office began working with Kemper to finalize a comprehensive management agreement that will serve as the blueprint for the successful operation of the Harding Park Golf Complex. Although some changes have been made during the negotiation process, the model management agreement that was part of the Request for Proposal package developed by the City has remained largely intact.

Under the terms and condition of the management agreement, Kemper will be responsible for all day to day operations excluding actual course maintenance, which will continue to be performed by City staff. Among the specific responsibilities are:

hiring and supervision of all personnel, excluding course maintenance staff;

- hiring and supervision of an agronomist to serve as a liaison between City staff and the PGA;
- securing suitable provisional housing for management, starter office and food and beverage operations until a new clubhouse can be built;
- designing and executing a marketing program;
- tee sheet and reservation management;

- management of the course in accordance with the policies set forth by the Recreation and Park Commission, and
- scheduling and managing all tournament play.

In exchange for managing the Harding Golf Complex, the City shall pay Kemper an annual management fee of $192,000, or $16,000 per month, plus incentives of 5% of total gross revenues exceeding $6 million annually. The City shall be responsible for reimbursing Kemper for pre-approved salary and operating expenses as per the annual operating budget. Additional financial conditions, including pre-opening expenses are:

- Kemper will finance through a loan pre-opening expenses, including the temporary clubhouse, and of fixtures, furniture and equipment (FF&E) and interior improvements permanent clubhouse. The City will repay the funds borrowed by Kemper in monthly payments as an Operating Expense. Kemper will not have a principal balance of more than $1 Million outstanding at any time, which means that City must repay the amount borrowed and used for pre-opening expenses in order to have Kemper borrow additional funds for the permanent clubhouse improvements. In order to provide security for Kemper's loan, the Agreement provides that in the event that City is in default for more than 30 days in its monthly reimbursement of the Loan payments or that the Agreement is terminated, City shall use funds available in the Golf Fund for such purposes to pay off the outstanding Loan balance, less only City's actual damages if termination of the Agreement results from Kemper's default.
- Kemper will collect green fees and all other gross revenues from the Harding Park Complex and deposit them every 15 days into an account designated by the City. With respect to reimbursement of Kemper for approved Operating Expenses at the Complex, Kemper will submit requests for reimbursement and supporting documentation at least every two weeks, and the Department has agreed to use its good faith efforts to obtain reimbursement for Manager within fourteen days after submission of all required documentation.
- In addition, Kemper shall be required to enter into a separate agreement with the San Francisco Chapter of the First Tee to manage the First Tee program at Harding Park.

Financial Impact/Source of Funds: In exchange for an annual management fee of $192,000 plus 5% of gross earnings above $6 million annually and pre-approved operating expenses, the City shall receive all revenues derived from greens fees, food and beverage operations and all ancillary golf activities at Harding Park Golf Complex.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) Kemper submitting invoices for payment, 2) the Department's potential to question costs, 3) staff monitoring expenses and 4) the proposed budget coming back to the Commission. **Jaci Fong** addressed the Commissions concerns. **Commissioner Lazarus** commented that staff did an excellent job on the agreement.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0304-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission doesapprove a management agreement with Kemper Sports Management - Harding Park, LLC for the management of the Harding Park Golf Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Worsley stated his concerns about the concession at Coit Tower.

Margaret Sand representing Dolores Park stated her concerns regarding the increasing encampments of vagrants, drug addicts and inebriates in Dolores Park and the overflow into the neighborhood creating serious health and safety issues. She spoke about what neighbors have found, witness and endured. She asked the Commission to please request more patrols and make more arrests so Dolores Park can be a safe park. Dr. Ted Goldstein Dolores Park resident stated his concerns regarding the vagrants at Dolores Park. He spoke about the safety of his grandchildren and users of the park being able to view this type of behavior in a City park. General Manager Goldstein commented that the Department feels as much as victim as the residents of the neighborhood and has been actively working on the problems at Dolores Park. She asked Dan McKenna to explain what the Department has be doing to address the problem. Dan McKenna explained that the Department has been working very closely with Supervisor Dufty's office and Captain Corrales to resolve the issues at Dolores Park. He also explained that the Department could not remove individuals from the park who: 1) are not actively erecting structures or campgrounds, 2) are not breaking any City laws and 3) have their possessions with them in an orderly manner. He further explained that after hours and in the middle of the night individuals meet at the park before they scatter into the neighborhoods creating a nuisance and the gardeners on a weekly basis are removing thousands of pounds of debris and the defecation issue is unbelievable. On the encouraging side there is a social services facility that has helped somewhat and Supervisor Dufty's office is also working on the free shower program that is being offered at Mission High School which the Department feels is also attractive for nuisance. This is a very complicated problem and the Department will continue to: 1) remove the debris, 2) ask people who are inebriated to leave the park and 3) work with Supervisor Dufty's office and Captain Corrales.

After the public comments regarding Dolores Park the Commission discussed the following: 1) enlisting the help of the mobile assistance patrol, 2) enforcement of illegal activity, 3) the unacceptable behavior, 4) enlisting the energy and resources of the Mission Community Counsel, 4) finding a solution so neighboring parks will not have the same concerns. Commissioner Bonilla stated that she would like to take this on to work with staff to ensure that staff gets together with the Mission Community Counsel and that we look at being more proactive in improving that park along with the community. Commissioner Chin commented that Commissioner Bonilla made a very excellent and generous suggestion. He stated that this is a Mission District wide problem not just in the immediate neighborhood that should be dealing with this issue. Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to monitor this situation on a weekly basis and report back to Commission monthly for a couple of months at the Commission meetings.

Pat Lakey representing Carpenter's Union Local 22 spoke about problems he has discovered throughout the City on various projects and the latest is Harding Golf Course. He stated his concerns regarding people who are working on public work projects that are not paid the prevailing wage. General Manager Goldstein recommended that Mr. Lakey have a working relationship with the Department's Capital Division to report these issues as they come up so they can be resolve quickly. Commissioner Lazarus commented that the Department receives contract recommendations and by law the lowest responsible bidder. From time to time there might be concerns that the Department is awarding contracts to the lowest bidder who are not responsible and asked that Mr. Lakey make sure the Department was aware if this occurs. City Attorney Elizondo commented that the requirement to pay prevailing wages is in the contract so if in fact the contractor is in violation it is very important information that needs to be conveyed so that provisions of the contract be enforced.
Emeric Kalman made two suggestions for Dolores Park: 1) to hire people in the area

to keep order and cleanliness in the park and 2) organize a task force. He asked if the Department was invited or participated in redrafting housing element of in the general plan. **Gary Hoy** explained that the Planning Department of the Capital Division has been in discussions with the City Planning Department about the General Plan changes and has been in serious discussions regarding taking on the recreation and open space element of the general plan as a project that we do in-house and work with the City Planning Department to upgrade the open space element.
Commissioner Chin commented that staff along with the City Planning Department do a briefing for the Commission on the whole plan particularly Mission Bay and Treasure Island.
William F. Wilson spoke about his impressions volunteering on the Natural Areas Program at Mt. Davidson. He stated that the NAP would be a way to reach kids to protect the environment. He also spoke about being a member of the church that runs the shower program at Mission High School and understands that it attract people to the parks but removing these facilitates will not solve the problem. He stated the problem is Citywide.
Commissioner Lazarus asked staff about: 1) the status at Union Square for the restaurant and retail facility and 2) the holdup on the proposal for the retail facility. **Jaci Fong** explained that the restaurant is anticipated to open in mid-June and will come to the Commission with a proposal for the retail facility in the next few months. She explained that the holdup on the retail facility proposal was complex because of the partnership.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus discussed current policy of insurance requirement of architects that develop program designs. He stated that in the past, hold harmless agreements had to be approved generally by the Board of Supervisors perhaps on a case by case or on an administrative code provision that covered them. He noted that it was amended to allow the risk manager, after consultation with the City Attorney and the Controller to enter into hold harmless agreements where certain standards are reached that are set forth in the ordinance. He requested that the Department review that provision in the administrative code and sit down with the parks council to see whether or not we could implement hold harmless agreements for volunteer or below market price services we receive in these playground plans as it is obviously an issue to these architects who have to otherwise insure their work product. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the Department is not interested in relinquishing professional liability or responsibilities on the part of architects and landscape architects who provide services on a probono basis or not. The Department has been working with the City Attorney's office to try and resolve this issue, which is to create a pool that would reimburse probono consultants for a prorata share of their professional insurance as a way of helping them carry it which has been conveyed to the Neighborhood Parks Council. **Commissioner Lazarus** stated that if the landscape architect or the playground designer offers their services for free to the City and the City accepts he wasn't sure why the Department would not be willing to consider accepting the same liability as if they worked for the City. **City Attorney Elizondo** explained that one of the things that these professional services were asking were not a release of the insurance but for indemnification and we do not indemnify work that we have no control and do not supervise. She also explained that the contractors wanted to be held harmless which is to indemnify which is different than what Elizabeth was talking about which is to contributing to the insurance cost which is a fair thing to do but to indemnify work that in fact is on City property that we had no supervision in is problematic and we have discussed that with the Neighborhood Parks Council.
Commissioner Prozan thought it would be a good idea to get a better sense of what is happening in the community in addition to those members of the public who testify at the Commission meetings. She requested a report every other month to be included in the General Manager's report with additional feedback from neighborhoods about what is happening in their communities.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

May 15, 2003

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 2:05 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

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ROLL CALL

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Present:

John Murray
Billy Getty
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Dog Advisory Committee meeting held on April 23rd was conducted with the assistance of Mr. Chuck Regal, of the San Francisco Community Boards. Mr. Regal conducted a series of training exercises for the Committee members emphasizing communication, decision-making, and conflict resolution. Many members expressed that the training should prove to be helpful as they move to make specific recommendations to the Commission, while processing community input.

Boxing at Cow Palace: A participant from our Rolph Park boxing program won the Northern California Golden Gloves lightweight competition recently held at the Cow Palace. This is the first time in recent memory a Rec/Park boxing participant has advanced to this level of amateur boxing.

Ceremony at Conservatory of Flowers: On April 30th, permanent lights graced the arches of the Conservatory of Flowers. A ceremony that was documented by major press coverage noted this significant milestone. Grand opening ceremonies are still on track for this coming September.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

From Friends of Duboce Park, $4,028.20 for the "Central Park" light fixtures from Sentry and Amron "Victorian II" poles.

Chris Mack gave an update to the Commission on the Sublease Management Budget for Union Square Café.

Background: Pursuant to the Lease between the City and Uptown Parking Corporation ("Uptown"), Uptown is required to submit a proposed Sublease management budget (the "Initial Sublease Management Budget") setting forth in reasonable detail the contemplated expenditures to be included in the management of the Sublease and Premises during the initial period from the date of this Lease to and including the 30th day of June, and shall thereafter prepare and submit on or before the first day of each July, commencing on July 1, 2003, an annual Sublease management budget setting forth in reasonable detail the contemplated expenditures to be made in the management of the Sublease and the Premises during such succeeding fiscal year or portion thereof during the Term (the "Annual Sublease Management Budget").

The Recreation and Park Commission and the Office of City Controller shall review the applicable Budget and make such recommendations with respect thereto as it may deem advisable and deliver a copy thereof to Tenant. Each Budget shall be changed to conform to any recommendations of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City's Controller, and Tenant shall comply with such revised Budget. Upon approval by the Recreation and Park Commission and the City's Controller, the Initial Sublease Management Budget, and thereafter, each Annual Sublease Management Budget, and thereafter, each Annual Sublease Management Budget, shall be the management Budget for the corresponding fiscal year.

With the expected opening date of the Café being mid-June 2003, and the Café Gross Rent being due no later than June 20, 2003 per the terms of the Lease with Uptown, the anticipated Café Gross Rent would be $2,000 based upon a monthly Base Rent of $4,000. Sublease Management Expenses of $1,000, as shown in the attached Initial Sublease Management Budget, would be deducted from that $2,000 for a net of $1,000. Staff has the detailed breakdown of the professional services that comprise the $1,000 Sublease Management Expenses and they appear to be substantiated. Thereafter, Tenant shall submit an annual Sublease management budget the first day of each July. The Sublease Management Expenses are capped at $3,000 per Fiscal Year and they shall not exceed that amount without prior written consent of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Financial Impact: Reduces the partial first month's rent from $2,000 to $1,000 after deducting the Sublease Management Expenses.

Gary Hoy gave the project status on the Capital Program. He spoke about expenditures to date and projects opening soon.

Commission Bonilla asked Gary Hoy to explain when Hoff Street Park was scheduled to open. **Gary Hoy** explained that Hoff Street and Holly Park are both being advertised currently and will be under one contract to save money in management cost and the bids are due next month with the award of contract the following month. He spoke about: 1) Helen Will Park which is also out to bid and 2) next month the Commission will see the award of contracts for the Maintenance Facility at Harding Park Golf Course and North Beach Pool.

President Murray spoke about having the opportunity do a walk-through Harding Park Golf Course last Friday and asked Gary Hoy to address the following issues regarding the new equipment facility: 1) when will the facility be on-line, 2) how long will it take to build, 3) will there be a temporary facility and 4) if there were any anticipated security issues regarding the temporary facility. Gary Hoy explained that the bids for the new Maintenance Facility were received yesterday and the Commission would see the award of contract in July. He also explained that the facility is scheduled to take five months to build and the Department has been working with Kubly for a temporary facility next to the existing Maintenance Facility and that security was not an issue because it will be in a fenced area.

President Murray asked Gary Hoy to address the significant drainage issue at Harding Park. Gary Hoy explained that the drainage issues at Harding Park will cost $1.6 million which was more than anticipated and the changes are being made in the contract. President Murray asked staff: 1) if they intended to come back to the Commission for approval and 2) if the work was being done before the opening in July. Gary Hoy explained that staff would come back to the Commission with the change in the contract amount next month and work is currently being done for the scheduled opening in July. General Manager Goldstein explained that because of operational issues the Department was not committing to a July opening date. Dan McKenna gave the status on the operational issues at the Harding Park Golf Course. He spoke about 1) 27-holes course maintenance, 2) punch-lists and the final walk-through, and 3) the equipment bridge plan. President Murray asked Dan McKenna if the issues with HRC have been sorted out and offered his assistance if needed. Dan McKenna explained that the issues with HRC are being worked out and thanked President Murray for his offer.

General Manager Goldstein gave an update on the budget. She spoke about: 1) the Mayor's office accepting the budget proposal and 2) the budget contingencies.

After the update on the budget the Commission discussed the following: 1) the employment implications, 2) where the Department will be in terms of staffing as of July 1st, 3) a detailed report in the General Manager's Report, 4) the new events at the Strybing Arboretum, 5) the marketing partnership with the Forty-Niners at Candlestick Park.

Response to

1) General Manager Goldstein explained that as a result of the employment implication there would be less flexibility to respond to structural maintenance issues which is one-third of the workforce. In addition to last years cuts the Department had to take an additional $1.6 million cut mid-year. The Department have been holding staff positions open and generally not moving on lots to find as much saving as we can and we have been fairly aggressive about imposing new fees, we have a system that we will be providing a lot less formal programming in our recreational centers because our staff will be stretched-out more then they are currently and there will be some reduced hours and some reduced programs.

2) General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department staffing would be in a substantially different place. The beginning of the fiscal year will show this less because we staff-up for summer programming. She discussed: 1) the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families (DCYF) brought extra funding to the Department to expand the Latchkey program, 2) expanding Day Camps, 3) the School District's closing their Elementary Summer School Program, 4) staff extending service, 5) effects of new facility coming on-line and 6) the vacancy rate of gardeners.

3) General Manager **Goldstein** explained that early next month after the SEIU agreements have been ratified staff would be able to give the Commission a more detail report. **President Murray** suggested that staff provide a report before the next Commission to show where the Department: 1) was in the prior year's budget, 2) is in this year's budget and 3) is in the current year being evaluated.

4) General Manager **Goldstein** explained that the events at the Strybing Arboretum will: 1) be in a specific area, 2) be limited per year, 3) have requirements for the use of the gardens, 4) meet the revenue goals because of the demand and 5) have a special fee because it will be higher than the others.

5) General Manager **Goldstein** explained that staff would bring the Commission an agreement with the Forty-Niners for Candlestick Park that looks like the advertising agreement that was presented last year. She also explained that the Department is proposing to take forward as part of the budget package both the naming agreement and the special events agreement in June.

President Murray thanked staff for their work on the budget and acknowledged the enormous amount of time staff has devoted to this. He spoke about the number of constraints put on the Department and again thanked staff for all their hard work and their continuing hard work and thanked Michael Frank particularly who came new to the organization just in time for a tsunami of changes that were probably not anticipated.

Commissioner Bonilla asked the General Manager if staff was anticipating anymore budget cuts beyond the $10.3 million the Department has already sustained. **General Manger Goldstein** explained that there was no way to know that until we know what happens with the labor agreements and with the State to understand the implications for the County. **President Murray** stated that it is important to recognize that the Department has loaded revenues in this budget that reflects the budget that has never done before and asked staff to assume that if next year is exactly the same as this year were there one-shots that would not be available for next year. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that there is one-time money from the Open Space Fund and the Downtown Park Fund that the Commission approved. She stated that staff would continue working on this even when the Board passed this budget because to make this budget work it will take an incredible team effort from Department and staff and our partners.

Commissioner Martin congratulated the General Manager and her staff on how they handled the budget process. He spoke about working with other departments and how this Department has been very open in dealing with the public and staff to let everyone know what is going on so they can be a part of what happens. He stated that this is the toughest budget the City has ever had and is very difficult for everyone.

Commissioner Chin added his congratulations to staff for fantastic and creative job and the time spent on this budget. He stated that in regard to revenues that it was important to monitor revenue on monthly basis. He also stated that continue with new revenue ideas but to consider possible program enhancements.

Marianne Miller, San Francisco Tomorrow board member, stated on behalf of San Francisco Tomorrow that they are in support of the Natural Areas Program and opposed to removing gardeners from these areas. She stated that she was in support of Elizabeth and spoke of the fabulous job she has done and the people of the community have recognized this. She spoke about ways to control special events in Golden Gate Park.

Harriet Ziskin swimmer at Coffman Pool spoke about concerns within community regarding the new aquatic's plan.

Denise Couther Graham representing SEIU Local 790 stated her concerns regarding the swimming pools.

Emeric Kalman spoke about his concern that the capital program report does not reflect requirements of the capital program budget. President Murray asked Gary Hoy to address Mr. Kalman's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0305-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the April 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0305-002

Donation From

Johnathan McCroan 1.0
Chinchilla
115 Gough Street, Apt. 4
San Francisco, CA 94102

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Lease with Strawberry Music Festival, Inc. for the operation of the Memorial Day and Labor Day music festivals at Camp Mather. RES. NO. 0305-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School for the use of the Peixotto Playground Clubhouse.

RES. NO. 0305-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request for Proposal for the lease and operation of McLaren Golf Course.

RES. NO. 0305-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Permit for the Operation of Youth Tennis Instructions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

RES. NO. 0305-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors

approve an admission fee structure for the Conservatory of Flowers.

RES. NO. 0305-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Valentine Corporation in the amount of $581,174 for base bid plus alternates to renovate and expand Campbell-Rutland Mini Park.

RES. NO. 0305-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the implementation of a 12-hole Frisbee Golf Course in Golden Gate Park for an 18-month trial period.

RES. NO. 0305-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "The San Francisco Avon Walk for Breast Cancer's" request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound at the opening ceremony between the hours of 5:00 to 8:00 AM at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 28, 2003.

RES. NO. 0305-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "The National Youth Games'" request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound at the closing ceremony between the hours of 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the Music Concourse at Golden Gate Park on Monday, July 28, 2003.

RES. NO. 0305-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for Hayes Green.

RES. NO. 0305-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve park closure from sunset to sunrise for Parque Ninos Unidos.

RES. NO. 0305-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve documents and/or permits related to the proposed St. Mary's Square expansion "Expansion Area Parcel", including but not limited to a Property Transfer Agreement, Grant Deed with Certificate of Acceptance, Escrow Instructions, Declaration Establishing Reciprocal Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("CC&R's") and Cost Reimbursement Agreements, and such other related documents, agreements, licenses and/or permits as may be reasonably approved by the General Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, to consummate the transfer of the Expansion Area Parcel and the construction of the park improvements thereon (Collectively, the "Transfer Documents"); and 2) adopt a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize the execution of the Transfer Documents, to accept the gift to the City and County of San Francisco ("City") of the Expansion Area Parcel, and to place said Expansion Area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

RES. NO. 0305-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a $12,500 gift from Levi Strauss Foundation to support programs for women and youth. These funds were made available to the Department as part of the Levi Strauss & Company's Volunteer Day on October 1, 2002.

RES. NO. 0305-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors approves a resolution to accept and expend a grant from the Northern California Grantmakers in an amount not to exceed $80,000 for Summer Youth Projects at the Recreation and Park Department.

RES. NO. 0305-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to apply for a state grant for McLaren Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for $151,000 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation for McLaren Park.

RES. NO. 0305-017

GENERAL CALENDAR

CAMP MATHERGENERAL STORE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Tim Lilliquist presented this item to the Commission for renewal of the festival lease.

Background: For the past 20 years the Camp Mather General Store ("Store") has been operated by Strawberry Music Festival, Inc. ("SMF") who also operates the Memorial Day and Labor Day music festivals. The 800 square foot Store sells general merchandise, snack-foods and drinks and includes a 1,600 square foot outdoor deck to accommodate tables and chairs. The premises for this Lease also includes two laundry rooms wherein the operator provides and maintains 2 coin operated washers and dryers during Camp season. Under the current Lease with SMF, the tenant has paid a flat fee, adjusted by an annual escalator of 2.5%. This season, SMF will pay the City $16,971 in Store rent.

One of the terms of the current Lease provides SMF with a fourplex cabin to house its Store staff, which could otherwise be rented. Staff also fees that Camp Mather could benefit if a tenant whose main focus was on retail business operated the Store. For these reasons staff believes we could improve Store quality and increase revenues by finding a local retail operator who would not need to house their staff in Camp.

Staff has been in contact with two business entities in the area that have expressed an interest in operating the Store. Staff will also send notice of this RFP to other local entities such as the Groveland Chamber of Commerce.

Schedule: The exact schedule is to be determined as it depends on the availability of overnight Camp accommodations for staff attending the Pre-Bid Conference and Tour of the Store.

Summary of Terms:

Term: Two years with one three-year option

Rent: Minimum Annual Flat Rent of $15,000

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week

Season: Thursday before Memorial Day through Labor Day

Finance Committee Action: The Committee questioned why staff was proposing a flat rent rather than a percentage rent. This change was made during the last renegotiations of the Store Lease with Strawberry Music Festival Inc. (SMF) in 1997 in order to simplify accounting procedures. Even though the store has no competition in the area, it is quite remote and does not generate major revenue.

Under that Lease SMF was paying an annual minimum rent of $9,000 vs. 8.5% of gross. In 1997 SMF paid the City $13,818 in rent. The Controller's audit performed to confirm the accuracy of this and other payments made under that Lease cost the City $8,910. Staff felt that the change to a $15,000 annual flat rent with a 2.5% annual escalator was appropriate. It recommends the same approach be taken in the new lease.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) will bidders risk the ability to pay the flat rent, 2) advantages of local bidders, 3) increasing the level of activity, 4) length of lease and 5) who controls the activities on the deck surrounding the store. Staff addressed the Commission's concerns.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0305-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the advertising of a Request for Proposals for the operation of the Camp Mather General Store.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Hoy addressed Emeric Kalman's budget concerns regarding the capital program. Mr. Kalman asked when the budget requests from the Department would be published by the Controller's office. General Manager explained that the enterprised departments were done first and the Department will be in the second wave.

Margaret Sand representing Safe Clean Green thanked the Commission and staff for was has occurred at Dolores Park in the last month. She spoke about the how bad it was at Dolores Park a month ago and today she walked through the Park it look great almost perfect and that the people are reclaiming the park. She also spoke about the vagrants that are determined to stay there who are being coached by the staff of the Homeless Coalition of their rights. She stated that Safe Clean Green would be working hard during the summer to support the Department.

Ernestine Weiss complimented the Department for having cleaned the Hyde and Turk Street lot and the beautiful children's playground in the Tenderloin. She stated her concerns at Ferry Park. She spoke about: 1) her request for a schedule of activities for the southern end of Lot 202, 2) enforcement of the dog policy, 3) removing the homeless and 4) if there was a resolution for the pick-up games played at the park. President Murray replied that the Department has been in contact with the group

that plays the pick-up games and divided this issue into two components: 1) rules of the appropriate use that apply to all park users that need to be enforced and 2) whether or not the Department has that type of organized activity may be a point of difference between you and the Department which is being handled internally and if she had any question she could talk to staff. He spoke about the time he went out with Ms. Weiss to Ferry Park almost a year now he told her that he would look into the issue of pick-up games but not guarantee that activity would not go on.

Andrea O'Leary stated her concerns regarding the enforcement of the Dog Policy and the meeting of Dog Advisory Committee.

Reola Freeman representing Junior Golfers of SFC spoke about the good things about the parks in San Francisco. She praised General Manager Goldstein on the good work that was done on the budget.

Winston Montgomery stated his concerns regarding his experience at the meeting of Dog Advisory Committee on Tuesday night.

President Murray commented that the dog issue was probably the most contentious issue that he had seen come before the Commission. He discussed the meeting in May of last year, the 750 people who testified, and the hard time San Francisco has with this issue because much larger cities with a more diverse population seem to have their arms around it. Enforcement is a big problem and it is really all about everybody having the opportunity to use our resources. In many ways it goes beyond this Department in the sense that that people who are on each side of this issue have really engaged the Board of Supervisors. The Commission is trying the best it can and he thanked everyone on the Dog Advisory Committee and staff working on this issue.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus explained that at previous meetings he raised a request for some information on a couple of matters that are pending and wanted to let the Commission know that he will not be at the June meeting so perhaps at the July meeting the issues could be addressed. They are: 1) the interim recreational opportunities through the paved areas of JFK Drive and 2)the issue on the fees and who collects fees from for athletic field reservations and permits. In addition he would like staff to explore and report back in July and be proactive on this additional revenue sources, dedicated revenue for this Department especially in maintenance and gardening - possibly a parcel tax which he felt was one of the few things that may be available to fund adequate maintenance of facilities and gardening of our parks and open spaces. Last, he stated that he had been at the rededication of the Randall Museum a couple of weeks ago and how beautiful the facility was. He also stated that it has a long way to go but to take the opportunity to see what the Department and the Friends of the Randall Museum have been able to do. It is a beginning of great turn around for that facility and is expanding the education and recreational opportunities for young San Franciscans.

General Manager Goldstein spoke about the dedicated revenue. The Department has a legal opinion, which lays-out the various procedural issues around parcel taxes, which she will share with the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park commission was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Respectully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

June 19, 2003

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, June 19, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,

June 19, 2003 at 2:01 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President Murray announced that item 4.G. of the Consent Calendar was removed and will be on Consent Calendar in July. Closed Session, which are item numbers 12-14 will be heard after item number 5.

ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Billy Getty

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Jim Lazarus

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

San Francisco Youth Games: Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., invited US YOUTH GAMES to hold their 2003 national event in the City and County of San Francisco. This is the first time the Olympic-style event has been held in the Bay Area. San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department will manage the events, to be held during the last week of July. These games have grown from their inception in New York City in 1967 as a competition between neighboring states, to a national event with representatives from youth throughout the country. The events bring together thousands of young athletes for an Olympic-like experience. Entering its 34th year, the Games have touched the lives of millions and provided countless thrills and educational experiences for youth.

HOST CITY: A thousand young people and their chaperones will visit San Francisco this summer to participate in the competition. San Francisco youth have been participating in the Youth Games for several years, but this is the first time they will host the event in their own city. Youths from around the country will have the opportunity to experience the City's diverse population, unique neighborhoods, and world-class public venues, which will include the Koret Center, Golden Gate Tennis Complex, Kezar Stadium, and Lincoln Golf Course.

WHO PARTICIPATES: Youth Games is an equal opportunity event for girls and boys ages 13 to 15. The teams represent the best and brightest of each city's youth. They will vie for awards, which are presented in Gold, Silver and Bronze in each sport, and athletes are rewarded for their team's finish from 1st to 6th place in each sport. Each team is one half boys and one half girls. Tryouts are already underway and it is hoped that participating in the Games will stimulate youth participation in other San Francisco recreation programs throughout the summer and beyond.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Mayor Brown will kick off the San Francisco Youth Games with an opening ceremony on Friday, July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Yerba Buena Gardens with a Parade of Cities, Lion Dancers, music and more. The events carry on throughout the weekend with soccer, basketball swimming, golf, bowling, volleyball, flag football, track and field activities, and an Academic Bowl. See calendar of events for specific times and venues.

THEMES: First and foremost, Youth Games promotes a spirit of cooperation, sportsmanship and fitness for our nation's young people.

FUNDING: Youth Games activities are funded through corporate sponsorship, philanthropic dollars and in-kind provisions of department staff.

For more information about US Youth Games in San Francisco, please contact Becky Ballinger, Public Relations for Recreation and Park Department (415) 831-2783

Harding Park Golf Course A tour was conducted by Dan McKenna with the PGA's chief agronomist, Jon Scott. Mr. Scott felt many maintenance issues need to be addressed, especially the issue of proper equipment for the crew, but considered the work to be on target and moving in the right direction. Given the delay in equipment purchasing and the delay in completing the erosion and drainage work, the projected opening will be delayed by some weeks.

Golf Card Renewal by Mail: Since July 2002, San Francisco Resident Golf Cards have been issued at the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office in City Hall. This cooperative effort between the two Departments has proven to be quite successful and has greatly limited the possibility of any misuse of these discount cards by non-residents. Now the next step has been implemented - renewal by mail. As the photograph of the individual initially taken is digitally stored, the resident golfer merely has to submit updated proof of residency documents and the annual fee and a new card can be issued and sent through the mail.

Aquatics: Hiring of new staff for the new Aquatics model is 95% complete and we are ready for the implementation as of July 2nd. Mission pool has opened as of June 4th on a reduced schedule and will be fully operational by June as of June 16th.

Randall Museum The 2nd Annual Bird Calling Contest was held on May 16, 2003. San Francisco Nature Education and the Randall Museum collaborated again to put on San Francisco's own bird call contest, inspired by the contest that has taken place at Piedmont High School for over 25 years. As with last year, it was a huge success. Nancy de Stefanis of San Francisco Nature Education and her staff taught 90 students from Lakeshore, Sunnyside and E.R. Taylor Elementary Schools about birds - not only their songs, but their behavior, feeding habits and plumage. The children's performances were judged by biologists, including representatives from the California Academy of Sciences and the Golden Gate Audubon Society. All the children received prizes for participating, were treated to lunch and a tour of the Museum's Animal Exhibit.

"Inviting Wildlife Into The City" exhibit: This annual bio-diversity exhibit recognizes and honors students who are learning about or working to protect the environment so wildlife can continue to co-exist with us here in San Francisco. Twenty-three native plant programs, serving 1,074 students were given to various schools to prepare students and teachers for the exhibit. The exhibit displays a selection of native plant

posters, artwork, sculpture, poetry or writing, research or habitat restoration work and photos, map and models. Over 760 children participated in the exhibit, which opened on May 10th and runs through June 28th.

San Francisco Youth Baseball League All-Star games were played on May 17th at Rossi Playground. Three hundred youth participated. The majority of the tryouts to field teams to represent San Francisco in the 2003 United States Youth Games were conducted in May. The different sports, included, but were not limited to, Track and Field, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys Flag Football, Bowling, Golf, Tennis and Girls Volleyball.

Public Relations

The public information office is involved in many of the communication efforts of the entire department. The following is a brief listing of the media and special events or projects that we have been working on over the last month or so. We will submit this report on a bi-monthly basis as requested by Commissioner Prozan.

Media

The public information office has been working with the following media on the following stories:

- SF Chronicle, Matier & Ross
  - Paid parking in Golden Gate Park
  - Parcel 4 Renovations
- SF Independent
  - Non-permitted business operations on RPD property
  - Edgehill Mountain property purchase
  - Harding Park construction costs
- Reuters Wire Service
  - Candlestick Stadium naming rights
- Wall Street Journal
  - Off-Leash Dogs
- Sunset Magazine
  - Conservatory of Flowers opening
- Harding Park opening
  - Golf Today
  - Travel & Leisure
  - Golf Digest
- KNTV NBC 11

    - Budget cutbacks, aquatics program
    - ParkScan
- KALW Radio
    - Park and Open Spaces panel/call-in discussion

KCBS Radio

- Unstaffed pools/new aquatic model

- Brand identity for the Recreation and Park Department including logo design and color palette selection
- Finalizing our Strategic Plan document

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

A gift in place of a 50' dock finger valued at $5,346.00 at berth #189 in the San Francisco Marina from Mr. George Gund III.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

Project Insight will take 10 - 15 deaf teens for an overnight camping and river rafting trip July 21st through July 25th.

A second overnight trip by Project Insight will take 15 - 20 deaf children to Lake del Valle campground in Livermore, August 14th through August 16th.

The Jackson Playground will take a group of 13 children on a camping trip to Clear Lake State Park in Kelseyville, California, June 24th through June 27th.

Events of Last Month:

- June 13, 2003: Press for community event to clean up "Youth Park" in Bayview
- June 14, 2003: Clean Team community event in District 8 kick-off at Dolores Park

Dates to Remember:

- June 28 or June 30: Parque Ninos Unidos, new park dedication
- July 1: Crocker Amazon Playground dedication
- July 19: Clean Team community event in District 11, kick off at Crocker Amazon
- July 25 – July 28: Youth Games – Media plan for "junior" Olympic style games held in San Francisco for the first time
- August: Visitacion Valley Clubhouse dedication
- August 16: Ceremony to rename gymnasium at Eureka Valley Recreation Center in honor of Mark Bingham

The nation's current economic downturn has affected work communities on every level, including the public sector. In recent weeks, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has been forced to deal with a $9.5 million shortfall in its upcoming Fiscal Year 2003-04 budget, part of an overall City deficit of $347 million.

After consulting with staff and the public, as well as with city officials, the Department has come to some difficult but necessary decisions in order to make up the difference. These cost-saving decisions, in the form of staff reductions and redistributions, fee increases and other creative measures, were made with an eye toward not only reaching the fiscal goal, but also maintaining as high a level of service to the public as possible.

However, because the Department has traditionally offered such a wide range of direct services to the public, there will be definite and unavoidable impacts involved with these changes. In general, workloads will increase for crews, response times will lengthen and some programs and facility hours may be reduced.

It is important to realize that the following are examples and these will change over time as additional vacancies occur and staff is redeployed.

A CLOSER LOOK: Service Delivery Impacts

Gardening and Landscaping With the redistribution of five FTE Gardeners (Classification 3417) to the Golf Fund as a cost-saving move, the Department's already overburdened gardening staff will be stretched even thinner at Golden Gate Park, neighborhood parks and squares. This redistribution, representing about a 4 percent reduction in the gardening work force at these locations, will result in service level cuts that include less frequent mowing, planting, pruning, trash removal and, where automatic irrigation systems are not available, watering. The frequency and timeliness of other landscaping projects, such as the sifting of playground sand and

the installation of new flowerbeds, will also be impacted. These reductions come on top of significant numbers of gardener vacancies as a result of past budget reduction measures.

The following are examples of affected sites and services due to staff reductions and vacancies at this point in time:

Vacancy of Park Section Supervisor and subsequent acting appointment of gardener in North Beach/Chinatown Complex to the position results in reduced maintenance at Huntington Park and Ina Coolbrith Park.

Vacancy of gardener position results in reduced maintenance of Woh Hei Yuen, Chinese Playground and St. Mary's Square. Staff from Civic Center and Portsmouth Square must bridge the gap.

Gardener vacancy at Esprit Park forces coverage by staff from Potrero Hill and Jackson Playground, resulting in reduced maintenance at all three facilities.

Vacancy of Park Section Supervisor results in acting appointment of gardener in the Marina/Pacific Heights Complex. This reduces maintenance at the Palace of Fine Arts and Cow Hollow Playground.

Gardener vacancy reduces maintenance crew at Moscone Recreation Center by 33 percent. Moscone is a heavily used facility with athletic fields, golf practice areas and play areas.

Gardener vacancy at Rossi Park; gardeners assigned from Mountain Lake Park and Park Presidio to maintain this important facility. Reduced maintenance at these sites.

Vacancy at Park Presidio Boulevard --- reduction of 50 percent of work force at this location.

Two gardener vacancies impact Douglass Park, Christopher Complex, Noe Courts and Eureka Valley Recreation Center. This reduction in staff results in an inability to provide detailed maintenance at these locations (seasonal flowerbeds, intensive maintenance to fields, seasonal pruning and turf edging).

Gardener vacancy in multi-park Mobile Maintenance Crew results in a 30 percent decrease in crew size. Daily visits to Mission Recreation Center Pool and Playground, Alioto Park, Jose Coronado Park, Juri Commons Park, Seward Park, Hoff St. Park and 23rd and Treat St. Park have been reduced to three visits per week. The biggest impact is the reduction in litter removal and overall park maintenance.

Supervisor vacancies at Christopher Complex and Sigmund Stern Grove result in only minimal supervision at these sites; acting appointments of gardeners from Duboce Park and Stern Grove result in reduced maintenance at these sites.

One FTE staff position (3428) at the Golden Gate Park Nursery will also be eliminated. The impacts on the nursery staff will include the need to plant fewer, less-showy annual flowerbeds and more perennial flowers, as well as more durable foliage.

Recreation Programs and Facilities -- After careful consideration of the Department's recreation facilities, programs and staffing, it was determined that a total of nine Assistant Recreation Director (3280) positions would be redistributed or eliminated as another cost-saving move. The resulting impacts will reduce or eliminate formal recreation programs for seniors, adults and youth, and also limit the number of hours particular recreation centers are open. Facility programming may include more drop-in-type programs, and the number of youth sports teams will diminish.

The following is a list of affected programs and sites, due to staff redistributions, reductions and/or vacancies:

Provisional staff removed at John Muir School latchkey site required us to move staff from Hayes Valley. After school program at Hayes Valley will be diminished.

Provisional staff removed of Sunday-Monday schedule at Eugene Friend Rec Center. Friend Rec Center will be closed on Sundays.

Loss of Recreation Director at Friend Rec Center. Great loss of programming.

Provisional staff removed from DiMaggio Playground. After school athletic program greatly diminished.

As-needed staff removed from Chinese Playground required us to move staff from DiMaggio Playground on Sundays to Chinese Playground. Closing of DiMaggio Playground on Sundays.

Provisional staff removed from Chinese Recreation Center. After school program greatly diminished.

Provisional staff removed at Portsmouth Square. Reduction of operating hours at Portsmouth Square as well as loss of bilingual staff.

As-needed staff removed from Saturday schedule at Jackson Playground and Sunday schedule at Tenderloin Children's Recreation Center. Programming at these two sites diminished.

As-needed staff at Tenderloin Children's Recreation Center removed. Weekend program at Tenderloin diminished.

As-needed staff removed from Palega. Adult exercise program eliminated.

Reduction of Recreation staff at Palega and McLaren Park. Trampoline program at Palega eliminated. "Recreation Is" habitat restoration program at McLaren Park eliminated, as well as drama program at Bernal Heights.

As-needed staff removed from scheduled position at Visitacion Valley, requiring the assignment of staff person from Palega. Art program at Palega reduced.

Reduction of Recreation Director at J. P. Murphy. Remaining staff member providing programming for 25+ youths in Latchkey program. The quality of the program is significantly diminished.

Loss of the Girls' Gang Intervention Program in the Mission.

Loss of girl's basketball coach at Mission Recreation Center, resulting in one less team.

Loss of Sunday Basketball League and Sunday Racquetball Tournament at Mission Recreation Center.

Loss of a youth baseball coach at Rolph Playground resulting in no youth baseball program at Rolph Park.

As a partial solution to the loss in recreation staff and programs, a new recreation center service model will be introduced at selected sites. Dubbed the "Seattle Model," this new operating approach will rely heavily on community partnering for a variety of programming options. If successful, this new model will result in reduced costs and staffing needs and an increase in facility programming and access for the public.

Structural Maintenance -- The Department's Structural Maintenance Division, which includes carpenters, cement masons, electricians, heavy equipment operators, laborers, ironworkers, painters, plumbers, roofers, sheet metal workers and stationary engineers, will undergo a loss of 8 FTE staff members. On average, the Division handles 8,500-10,000 special work order requests each year, in addition to the approximately 12,000 routine tasks it also performs. With reductions to an already strapped staff, response times to maintenance projects, such as curb and sidewalk repairs and heating and ventilation issues, will be lengthened. Some larger projects that would typically involve more time and higher staffing levels may be relegated to spot repairs.

Park Patrol-- The Department's Park Patrol unit will see the elimination of three-and-a-half FTE Park Patrol Officers (8208) and the reduction in work hours for one supervisor (8210). Some of the unit's responsibilities, including security at all 227 facilities outside Candlestick Park, as well as some traffic and crowd control duties and docent services, will be partially supplemented by non-profit groups and other city agencies, including police, Animal Care and Control, and the Department of Parking and Traffic. Still, a loss in service to the public in these areas is anticipated.

Workreation -- The Department's long-running Workreation program for teenagers will be reduced by 30 percent or a total of 51 positions during the summer months and 28 during the school year. The program has traditionally offered youths their first opportunity of employment and has proven to be a successful training ground for future recreation directors, gardeners, administrators and other professionals. The loss in Workreation hirings will result in limited support for staff and reduced contact with the public.

General Manager Goldstein spoke about FY 03-04 Budget Reduction Service Impacts that was included in the General Manager's Report and was presented to the Board of Supervisors. The reason the report was produced so it would be clear about the consequences of the budget proposals that are currently before the Board of Supervisors.

Michael Frank explained the City's Budget process. He spoke about 1) the original budget presentation made to the Board of Supervisors on June 11th and 2) the next presentation on June 26th another series of cuts and reductions that the Department has worked with the Budget Analyst.

General Manager Goldstein spoke about the major questions asked by the Board of Supervisors: 1) the Aquatics Program, 2) the Downtown Park Fund and 3) the Natural Areas Program. She explained that a detail document that addressed these issues was sent to the Board Committee. She also spoke about naming rights issue and explained that staff will meet with Supervisor Gonzalez separately on this issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0306-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the May 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0306-002**

Sold To

Knoxville Zoo1.0 Slender-tailed Meerkat $200.00

PO Box 6040

3500 Knoxville Zoo Rd

Knoxville, TN 37914

USDA 63-C-0001

Miller Park Zoo each	0.0.2 Slender-tailed Meerkat	$200.00
3020 S. Morris Avenue	$400.00 total	
Bloomington, IL 61701-6307		
USDA 33-C-0006		
Utah's Hogle Zoo	1.0 Slender-tailed Meerkat	$200.00
2600 Sunnyside Avenue		
Salt Lake City, UT 84108-1454		
USDA #87-C-0001		
Hemker Wildlife Park	0.1.2 Black Swan	$100.00/grp
26715 County Road 39		
Freeport, MN 56331		
USDA #41-C-0096		

Donation To

Lincoln Park Zoo	0.2 Francois Langur
2001 N. Clark Street	
Chicago, IL 60614	
USDA #33-C-0004	

Trade To

Cincinnati Zoo	1.0 Black Rhinoceros
3400 Vine Street	
Cincinnati, OH 45220	

USDA #31-C-0044

Donation From

University of California 0.0.6 Norway Rat

Dr. Cliff Roberts, Director LARC

Box 0564

San Francisco, CA 94143

USDA #93-R-044

Trade From

Cincinnati Zoo 1.0 Black Rhinoceros

3400 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45220

USDA #31-C-00

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "Neighborhood Parks Council" request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound at the "Re-Discover South Park", a fall gala event, and permission to sell beer and wine on October 9, 2003 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. **RES. NO. 0306-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the installation of a plaque commemorating the 25th anniversary of Enterprise for High School Students' summer work program in Buena Vista Park.

RES. NO. 0306-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve additions to and clarification of existing rules of play policies governing the San Francisco municipal golf courses.

RES. NO. 0306-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan of the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda Roof Repair Project.
RES. NO. 0306-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the M.O.U. between RPD and SFUSD to create a model program at La Raza/ Potrero del Sol that benefits RPD, SFUSD, and the community. The permitting and maintenance of the "School Yard" within the grounds of the Buena Vista Alternative Elementary School and the "Permitted Area" within La Raza/Potrero del Sol Park shall be executed under terms outlined in the attached M.O.U. between the City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Parks and the San Francisco Unified School District.
RES. NO. 0306-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase to the original construction contract in an amount not to exceed $2,470,000 (22% of original contract) with an associated 172-day maximum extension of contract time, from 365 to 537 consecutive calendar days to allow for additional exhibit construction scope for the Conservatory of Flowers. **RES. NO. 0306-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase to the original construction contract with Kubly Golf Course Construction, Inc. not to exceed $10,434,364 (42.4%) for Harding Park Golf Course Renovation project.
RES. NO. 0306-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a Permit for Urban Services YMCA at the Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center to conduct a Family Resource site in the ground floor locker rooms.
RES. NO. 0306-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a sample lease to be distributed to all potential proposers for the McLaren Park Golf Course concession. **RES. NO. 0306-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Marinship - Nibbi, JV (Joint Venture), in the amount of $2,166,000 for the Quarantine & Holding project at the San Francisco Zoo.

RES. NO. 0306-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request for Proposal for push cart-

vending services

in Golden Gate Park. RES. NO.
0306-013

Lou Helmuth spoke about a letter he sent to President Murray with a copy to General Manager Goldstein that was not included in the record. He asked that his letter and report be included in the record and that the Commission has the opportunity to review it before making a decision on this important point. He stated his concerns regarding the Potrero del Sol Memorandum of Agreement. Marilyn Goode property owner at south end of the Potrero del Sol Park spoke about: 1) not being noticed for the community meetings, 2) concerns regarding the proposed area for the skateboard park, and 3) believed the approval of the proposed plan was premature until the residents of the area are able to provide input. Jeanne Darrah stated that the MOU for Potrero del Sol Park was a very exciting and groundbreaking agreement between the Buena Vista School and the Recreation and Park Department and hoped that the Commission would support it. She spoke about: 1) the many negotiations to bring about the MOU, 2) the community's involvement in every aspect of the contents of the MOU, 2) the site improvements to the area and 3) the school's access to the park.

Commissioner Prozan explained that this was a very difficult issue. There are two different schools that will be using the park and one belongs to the Unified School District. The reason for the Memorandum of Agreement was that in order for the school district to use a specific area, it has to be exclusive use, a condition the school district requires. She stated that the committee heard from a lot of members of the PTA and a lot of people from the neighborhood and a lot of it was about the skateboard park. Although she saw the petition circulated against the current plan, her feeling about it from the public testimony and the wording from the actual petition was most residents objected to the skateboard issue. The reason she moved to endorse it was the plan was separate from the Memorandum of Agreement.

Commissioner Bonilla concurred with Commissioner Prozan comments. She explained that the Committee did not want to block the implementation of the agreement, which is the reason the Committee voted to put the agreement on the consent calendar and to hear the issue of the skateboard park separately because of the controversy.

GENERAL CALENDAR

GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

Supervisor Hall stated that he wanted to pay tribute in a public forum to the working group that has been working so hard to restore one of San Francisco's great national historic treasures, the Golden Gate Park Stables. He urged the Commissioners to pay close attention to this working document, which he believes will be historic in proportions leading to the rejuvenation of other historical sites. He spoke about the

particular members of the group, Katherine Black, Robert Dougherty, Gary Hanes, DVM, John Farley and Rachel Arnstine Williamson who have worked very hard over the last two years to formulate this document. He added that the staff of the Recreation and Park Department under direction of Elizabeth Goldstein has really done a yeoman job on the project. Although it seemed like a little million dollar, easy project to attack, like an octopus, it kept growing tentacles. Problems arose but were worked out with the help of this working group and with the cooperation of Department staff. He stated that the Commissioners will have a project that they can be proud of and San Franciscans will be proud of this project when it is done. He spoke about this project opening up a whole new area of recreation for inner-city youth with a new dimension and a lot of new activities. He thanked the Commission for taking the time to calendar this item, the General Manager and Recreation and Park Department, the working group that really dug their teeth into this project, the City Attorney's office who prepared the legislation and citizens out there who supported this project from day one. To the citizens of San Francisco he was pleased to show government in action and regardless of what you read in the paper City government has done a great job. General Manager Goldstein thanked Supervisor Hall for bringing forward this idea and putting together the task force. She said it has been incredibly successful and brought a level of expertise to the table that the Department could never have gotten otherwise.

Tom Hart presented this item to the Commission to approve the conceptual plan for refurbishment of the Golden Gate Park Stables. He personally thanked the working group for the effort, time and enthusiasm collectively and individually that everyone brought to this project. He spoke about the working group working extremely hard and selflessly on this project and introduced the group in attendance to the Commission.

Background: When the last lessee/operator of the Golden Gate Park Stables dissolved business operations on September 30, 2001, the Department made the decision to temporarily close the stables to investigate the much-needed repairs.

Before the actual closure of the facility, Supervisor Tony Hall became interested in the situation at the stables and, through the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors, formed the Golden Gate Park Stables Working Group (the "Group") to assist the Department in assessing the future of the facility. The Group consists of four members with direct knowledge and experience in the equine industry and an additional member representing the Recreation and Park Department. He introduced Katherine Black, Robert Dougherty, Gary Hanes, DVM, John Farley and Rachel Arnstine Williamson who were able to attend the meeting today. Biographical information on the members can be found in the introductory section of the accompanying report.

The Group was made aware from the beginning of its meetings how strongly the Commission and Department feel about an open access policy for the stables and that any future activities should contribute to public riding instruction and programs. The Group approached this task in a very direct manner. Like many people who have contacted us from other areas, members of the Group sincerely feel it would be a great loss for this urban stable to disappear.

First, in order to assure any future success, the health and safety of the horses needed to be addressed. The facility over the years has become woefully inadequate for the care and management of the horses.

At the beginning of the process, the Group first chose a complete rebuild of the facility as the most logical manner in solving the deficiencies. However, upon thorough research, it was determined that certain structures were contributing factors to the historical nature of Golden Gate Park. The Department commissioned a study from Carey & Company, a local architecture firm that was a contributor to the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. A copy of that document is included as Attachment B to the accompanying report. As Golden Gate Park has been nominated as an historic district to the National Registry of Historic Places, is important that considerable care be given not to upset the balance of the design and the structures.

The historic structures, the four Works Progress Administration (WPA) horse stall buildings and the Grandstand Stalls surrounding the Central Arena, were found to be significant to the history of Golden Gate Park. However, the Grandstand structure has been deemed to be unrepairable and staff has started the procedure of requesting an exception for its demolition. The WPA stalls, however, are sound and should remain in place. This situation presented two problems for the Group. First, the WPA stall buildings are poorly situated on the property to make best use of available common areas and the size of the individual stalls is smaller than modern-day standards. The buildings cannot be moved, but the interior walls can be changed to enlarge the size of each stall and provide more space and better light and ventilation for the horses. Carey & Company has verified, through consulting structural engineers Tennebaum-Manheim, that the interior walls of the WPA building may be changed without undermining the integrity of the structures. As stated in the accompanying report, it's proposed that the stalls will be doubled in size from approximately 9' x 10'10" to approximately 9' x 22'. As these buildings were constructed and not prefabricated, each stall size varies slightly.

The single most important proposed change to the facility will be the doubling in size and the covering and lighting of the Central Arena. San Francisco weather prohibits a financially viable operation for public instruction without such a structure. Lessons will be able to be conducted after dark and during periods of inclement weather for the first time at the facility.

The increase in the size of the WPA stalls decreases the number of stalls and, therefore, will require additional stalls to be built. The plan, as recommended by the Group, calls for an additional twenty (20) 12' x 14' stalls to be built with individual paddocks measuring approximately 12' x 16'. The plan is for the SPA stalls to house the school horses, all of whom will receive ample daily exercise, and the new stalls with paddocks would be used for boarded horses. The stables complex has four arenas within reasonable distance for turning out. It is common practice now at many Bay Area barns to have "train and board" requirements. Boarders are required to have his or her own horse at the stables be part of the programs offered there. This

enhances the overall experience and prevents a divergence of goals among people using the facility. Golden Gate Park Stables is far too small not to have all participants of the facility operate in concert with one another. As is pointed out in the model budget of the report, however, it would be impossible to maintain a consistent quality-riding program without the financial assistance of boarding or some other subsidy.

The facility will continue to require 24-hour presence for the safeguarding of the animals. Rather than construct a single-family dwelling, the Group recommends that two one-bedroom apartments, suitable for employees of the next operator, be built. This will afford the new operator with more flexibility in scheduling around-the-clock supervision.

The last major element change will be the relocation of the hay barn, shavings storage and manure processing area. One of the elevated costs of an urban stable is delivery into the City. Without easy access and enough space for ample storage, hay and bedding costs can reach unreasonable heights. The placement of the hay barn, tucked into the hill adjacent to the stables and on an access road from JFK Drive will assist the new operator in providing adequate supplies at a far more reasonable cost.

Staff is requesting approval of this conceptual plan for the physical changes and upgrades to the stable facility. Upon receiving approval, we will move forward with more detailed drawings and documents to quantify costs for this project. California voters passed the "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002" (2002 Resources Bond) on March 5, 2002. Golden Gate Park has been allocated $35,000,000 and, of that amount, $1,500,000 has been slated for work on the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Upon ascertaining costs for the proposed improvements, we will have a better idea of how to phase the various elements of the project. Although not desirable, it may be necessary to pass some of the improvement responsibilities on to the next lessee through a lease agreement. The Department intends to make every effort to complete the stall reconfiguration, the new Central Arena and the new hay barn in order to afford the new operator every opportunity to open the facility as soon as those elements are completed.

Staff plans to begin drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) package to bring to the Commission in the fall in hopes that we are able to select a new operator by the first of the year. The RFP will underscore the need for experience both in riding instruction and business management to offer the best possible opportunity for success when the stables is reopened.

Financial Impact/Source of Funds: All costs associated with this request will be paid by the funds from Prop 40 allotted to the stable project.

President Murray commented that it was a difficult decision bordering on courageous to shutdown the stables because we had a very vocal group of people at the site. He stated that he was very proud of staff for closing the facility so the Department could go through an appropriate planning process. His expectations as the Department goes forward we will see a multiple times of number of kids that went through there in the past a real ability to refocus. The prior operator although they made a great effort to do a good job they were not capitalized and the kind of investment we are envisioning and are going to do in are process would never have been supported by the business that they were running so we had no hope of that relationship producing this kind of result and every once in awhile it is important to actually stop and plan and then come back to the table with a better idea and more resources and put something in place.

John Laskin agreed with President Murray that the previous operator could not generate cash to maintain the building. He asked the Commission where the money was coming from to repair the stables. President Murray explained that money would be coming from the State of California. Mr. Laskin suggested that funding for this type of project should come from private a source.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for refurbishment of the Golden Gate Park Stables.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 2:40 p.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the Commission returned to opened session at 2:58 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

Hoff street park and Holly Park

Judi Mosqueda, Department of Public Works, presented this item to the Commission to award a construction contract for Hoff Street Park and Holly Park.

Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to Hoff Street and Holly Parks Project. Of the bids received, A. Ruiz Construction was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

A. Ruiz Construction submitted a construction base bid of $1,959,787, an alternate #1 bid of $16,500, an alternate #2 bid of $8,600, an alternate #3 bid of $48,188, an alternate #4 bid of $26,000, an alternate #5 bid of $25,920, an alternate #6 bid of $14,925, an alternate #7 bid of $17,620, an alternate #8 bid of $68,900, an alternate #9 bid of $26,940, and an alternate #10 bid of $28,000. This cumulative bid of $2,241,380 is $158,620 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $2,400,000.

Upon Commission's approval, staff will initiate the contract and certification process, followed by the start of the 8-month construction project.

Project Description for Hoff Street Park: The Hoff Street Park site was acquired by the Department in the Fall of 2001. It is a 10,000 square foot site in the Mission District bordered by 16th and 17th Streets and Mission and Valencia Streets. The site was previously used as a parking lot, and is currently fenced and awaiting its transformation into a park.

The new Hoff Street Park will include two play areas for pre-school and school-age children with play equipment meeting current codes and guidelines separated by a central courtyard with an ornamental water fountain, seating and tables. A community garden is situated behind the central courtyard. Decorative fencing defines the front of the park at Hoff Street and chainlink fencing is situated along the three remaining sides of the park. New landscaping along with automatic irrigation will be installed. Alternate bid items include installing: 1) metal trellises, 2) seatwall fence, 3) four palm trees inside the park, four palm trees and associated irrigation

along new sidewalk, 5) whirl play structure, and 6) light fixtures and associated electrical work.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual plans for Hoff Street Park on May 16, 2002, per the Resolution No. 0205-003.

Project Description for Holly Park: Holly Park is a 7.5 acre open space in the Bernal Heights neighborhood. It is an oval-shaped park ringed by Holly Circle with nine residential streets radiating from the park. The park itself houses a restroom building, play structure, one tennis court and basketball court, picnic area, and ball field.

The Holly Park renovation will include creating separate play areas for pre-school and school-age children with play equipment that will meet current codes and guidelines. The tennis and basketball courts will be repaved and restriped and the new basketball standards and tennis court posts and net will be installed. An accessible ramp/pathway system will link all elements in the park with access from the Highland Avenue entrance. Lighting, benches, and tables will be installed along the pathway at key areas in the park, irrigation will be improved in key areas in the park, and other miscellaneous improvements including a drinking fountain, trash receptacles, chainlink fencing, and park sign/ community bulletin board will be implemented.

Alternate bid items include: 7) construction at baseball field, installing retaining walls, asphalt paving, chain link gates, fence repair, site furnishings, planting, and irrigation in associated areas, 8) installing nineteen palm trees at entries, 9) installing additional landscaping and irrigation, and 10) installing vinyl clad chainlink fencing and painting of existing posts for sports court.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual renovation plans for Holly Park on May 16, 2002, per the Resolution No. 0205-004.

Commissioner Bonilla explained that the people working really hard on the Hoff Street project asked her to say that their expectations are that groundbreaking would begin in September.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to A. Ruiz Construction for the base bid and alternates #1 through 10 in the amount of $2,241,380 for the Hoff Street Park and Holly Park Project.

Harding Park Maintenance Facility

Rick Thall, Department of Public Works, presented this item to the Commission to request an award of a construction contract to Kin Wo Construction for the Harding Park Maintenance Facility, at the time of the Finance Committee meeting last week there was an unresolved protest of this bid which was resolved.

Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for improvements to the Harding Park Maintenance Facility Project. The project was originally bid in January 2003, but all bids significantly exceeded our budget and were rejected. The scope of work was reduced in an effort to stay within the budget and new bids were received on May 14, 2003. Of the 4 bids received, Kin Wo Construction or Chiang C.M. Construction was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Kin Wo Construction submitted a construction base bid of $1,654,368, alternate #1 (carport overhang) of $12,145, alternate #3 (biological recycling system) of $33,664, alternate #4 (work benches, shelves, jib crane) of $9,582, alternate #5 (appliances) of $2,741, and alternate #6 (landscaping) of $33,442. This cumulative bid is $4,058 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,750,000. Chiang C.M. Construction submitted a construction base bid of $1,668,927, alternate #1 (carport overhang) of $12,052, alternate #4 (work benches, shelves, jib crane) of $17,600, alternate #5 (appliances) of $1,600, and alternate #6 (landscaping) of $30,000. This cumulative bid is $19,521 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,750,000. Upon Commission's approval, staff will initiate the contract review and certification process, followed by the start of the 180-day construction period.

Project Description: Harding Park is a 163-acre facility located on Harding Road at Skyline Boulevard within Assessor's Block 7283. The park is a triangular area of land that extends into Lake Merced, in the southwestern corner of San Francisco. The Harding Park Maintenance Facility Project is part of the overall Harding Park and Fleming Golf Course Renovation. A new 7,200 square foot maintenance facility will be built on the southeastern portion of the site with access from Lake Merced Boulevard.

The Harding Park Maintenance Facility involves construction a prefabricated steel structure with a standing-metal seamed roof. The maintenance facility replaces the existing facility. The facility includes parking and storage for maintenance equipment, and areas for fertilizer, landscape materials and agronomic supplies. The facility will also provide a vehicle wash-down area to prevent fertilizers from migrating to nearby Lake Merced.

The existing maintenance facility will remain in operation until the new building is completed to ensure maintenance of the course continues as scheduled.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the conceptual renovation plans on March 21, 2002, per the Resolution No. 0203-007, and rejected the original bids on February 20, 2003, per the resolution No. 0302-014.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Kin Wo Construction for the base bid and alternates 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the amount of $1,745,942 for the Harding Park Maintenance Facility Project.

potrero del sol

Mary Tienken presented this item to the Commission for La Raza/Potrero del Sol Park. **Svetlana Karasyova** spoke about the site study done on the site for the appropriateness of a skateboard park.

Context: La Raza/Potrero del Sol is located in the North Mission District between Potrero Avenue, Route 101, and San Bruno Avenue. The park is adjacent to San Francisco Unified School District's (SFUSD) Buena Vista Alternative Elementary School. The park is approximately 4.6 acres. The primary recreational facility within the park is a community garden; otherwise activity is limited to picnicking, dog walking, and informal athletics. Formalized athletics are not possible given the sloping topography of the park. There is significant grade change, approximately 18 feet in elevation, across the site from north to south. Residences surrounding the park are few.

The park has been plagued for many years by a variety of urban ills, including drug peddling, prostitution and gang violence. A large homeless encampment beneath Route 101 consistently spills in the park. Although the park is enjoyed by some neighbors, the perceived danger of the park keeps many potential park users away from the La Raza/Potrero del Sol.

Background: La Raza/Potrero del Sol was constructed about twenty years ago. The original design contained several amenities such as two fountains, a bathroom, and an

amphitheater with a stage. This design has remained largely unchanged with one exception; the under-story vegetation has been systematically removed to improve visibility into the park. Although most people agree that the park design is attractive, the park remains underutilized.

Today, the park is in need of various renovations such as path resurfacing, and ADA drainage, and lighting upgrades. In the experience of Recreation and Park Department staff, these surface improvements are unlikely to yield greater park usage, leading to the central question in the discussion of park improvements for La Raza/Potrero del Sol, "How can we bring more people to this park while maintaining the quality of the existing design?" The answer, supported by many community members, is to add new activities to the park. Thus, the concept plan for La Raza/Potrero del Sol has been designed to meet several goals; to fix broken infrastructure, to increase the park's security and maintainability, to maintain the character of the existing park and to introduce new program elements to attract more park users.

Program: The proposed improvements to the park are a mixture of renovations to existing infrastructure, security measures and new program elements. New program elements are intended to bring new park users to the park.

Renovations:

- Drainage improvements at the playing field at the northwest corner of the park
- Replacement of the bathroom doors
- Path resurfacing for strollers, pedestrians, and wheelchairs
- ADA Curb ramp and parking stall at San Bruno Ave.
- Two ADA drinking fountains

Security Measures:

- Lighting improvements
- A 6' high perimeter fence to secure the park at night
- Removal of the wall behind the stage

Program Additions:

- 4' high fence at the park area adjacent to the Buena Vista School, allowing school children to use a small portion of the park (7.5% of the park square footage) during the school day, increasing legitimate use of the park.
- A play area for toddlers and children
- 6 Picnic tables to promote more picnicking

- A 10,000 SF skate park (5-7% of the park square footage.) Construction of the skate park will require that an existing "Pond" be removed.****

****The skate park has not yet been designed. It remains in the Concept Plan as a placeholder, pending the San Francisco Skate Park Master Plan, which will be prepared by Youth Commission's Skateboarding Task Force. The Task Force reports to the Board of Supervisors. RPD project staff, the RPD project planner, and many community members support the concept of a skate park at Potrero del Sol. Because a small number of vocal community members oppose the idea, RPD staff will defer to the Task Force to further evaluate the appropriateness of this site as compared to other potential locations in the general vicinity. If the Task Force recommends another site for the skate park, the improvements to the lower end of the park will be limited to the addition of a pedestrian path connecting the stage to the bathrooms.

Project Influences: The project team conducted four public meetings to review the development of the La Raza/Potrero del Sol Park Concept Plan. These meetings were extraordinarily well attended despite a few complaints that the standard outreach protocols were not sufficient. 93 people signed the attendance list at the March 26th meeting and 178 people signed the May 19th attendance sheet. Contrary to the perception that attendees did not represent the community, at the final meeting, 86 people identified themselves as a park neighbor.

Meeting turnout accurately reflects both public interest and resistance to change. Parents of students at Buena Vista Alternative Elementary School consistently attended the meetings to advocate for greater student use of the park. One proposal in particular, the skate park, brought some of the most vociferous proponents and opponents to the meetings.

Midway through the project planning, a few community members distributed a petition, protesting the so-called over-development of the park. The elements opposed by the group included: removal of any trees or other mature vegetation, reduction of the hill in the center of the park, construction of a skate park, fencing in a defined area for use by Buena Vista students, relocation of existing pathways. The group claimed to have 200 signers to the petition. In response, RPD staff made some modifications to the plan. In the proposed plan, the central hill will remain untouched, and all vegetation will remain with the exception of one tree. During meetings with the petition organizers, it became clear that the skate park was viewed by petition signers as the most problematic in the plan.

In response, a RPD planner authored an evaluation of La Raza/Potrero del Sol as a site for a skate park. The study is included in this package. The evaluation revealed that the by most criteria, Potrero del Sol is a favorable location for a skate park. Thus far, members of the Skateboarding Task Force have concurred.

At the final meeting, a vote was taken to gauge public interest in taking the attached concept plan to the Recreation Commission. A majority of the people in the room expressed the desire to move forward with the concept plan. Most people also expressed support for the inclusion of the skate park in the plan.

Cindy Rae stated her concerns that currently the park: 1) has no bathrooms, 2) has drainage issues and picnic area is in bad shape and 3) was not accessible after 10:00 p.m. **Jake Phelps** representing Thrasher Skateboard Magazine stated that skateboarding is part of San Francisco culture and it was time to give the people of the Mission a skateboard park. **Lou Helmuth** representing Friends of Potrero del Sol stated that he was not opposed to skateboard parks in the City but was against a skate park in this location for a number of reasons: 1) traffic issues and 2) residents showed no interest. **Keith Mahar** voiced his opposition for a skate park. He was concerned that the proposed area for the skate park would be the removal of the grading, the pond and the willow tree. **Gloria Jimenez** stated her support for the improvements at the park. She spoke about her youngest child and others kids that live in this area without yard access and it would be nice for them to be able to go to a green area. **Rosa Tello** stated her support for the improvements at Potrero del Sol. She spoke about her involvement with park project so her children and others in the community can make use of it. **Gina Padilla** stated that she supported the improvements at Potrero del Sol. **Kent Uyehara** representing, SF Skate Task Force/SF Skatepark Coalition stated his support for a skate park. He spoke about working with the community and the history of skateboarding.

Joshua Walker stated his opposition for a skate park that was included in the improvement plan. **Nicole Derse** representing the San Francisco Youth Commission and the Skateboarding Task Force stated the support on behalf of both of these organizations. She spoke about the need of a skateboard park because skateboarding is illegal on the streets and how important this recreation is to youths. She stated that the Youth Commission and task force was committed to work with the communities who resist skate parks. **Gavin Cowie** stated his concerns to include an area for a skateboard park in the Mission. He spoke about: 1) paving over green area and 2) the pressure that it will bring to the rest of park. **Eve Mosher** representing the Farm spoke in defense of the open space of La Raza/Potrero del Sol Park. She stated that she would love to have a skateboard park in the neighborhood and suggested other underutilized locations. She asked the Department and Skateboarding Task Force to develop a master plan that looks at other properties other than our public parks and open spaces. **Patricia Gutierrez** representing Latino Mission Neighbors/Buena Vista Parent stated her support for this project for the children of the community. **David Robinson** addressed the petition that was presented to the Commission in opposition of this project. He stated his concerns that the petition that was signed prior to the final community meeting and does not accuracy describe the renovation plan. He spoke about the final community meeting where ninety percent of the community supported the plan and only a dozen voted to slow down the process. **Carlos Mejia** representing Good Samaritan Family Resources spoke about his organization working together on the renovations to the park. He stated on behalf of his organization their support of the soccer park was for the good of the neighborhood and the kids. **Kate Taylor** spoke on behalf of the Board of the Good Samaritan Family Resource Center stated that the families really needs outdoor venues for healthy activity as alternatives to dangerous things that at-risk youth constantly face. She urged the Commission to support the proposed plan. **Becky Jenkins** spoke about two issues that have repeated: 1) justification for the design because the park is underused and 2) increase activity would make the park safer. She stated the problems with these two issue: 1) the park isolated and difficult to police, 2) no amount of activity or fencing will discourage people. **Bret Putnam** Community Garden, Gardener stated that the main reason he was against the skate

park because it was not compatible with the present use of the community garden. June Grant stated her support for plans that are proposed for the improvements of the park. Jymi Shores member of the Skate Park Task Force stated that this park is a great area to have a skate park because it is located in a light industrial area where there is a lot of traffic noise and out of the residential area. Marilyn Goode resident spoke about: 1) resident and schools that use the park, 2) great idea to have a fence and 3) the need for bathrooms that work. She stated that the skateboard aspect of the proposed plan is incompatible.

Christos Marcopoulos, Farm, Property Manager stated his opposition to the proposed plan. He spoke about: 1) the park was in a problematic area, 2) the Farm not being consulted and 3) the problems with the bathrooms. Rosalie Simrock, Teacher, Buena Vista School stated her support of the small amount of green space that Buena Vista School will have for the children in addition the confidence that the person in charge of the project will also meet the needs of the community. Mark Bolton, Assistant Principal, Buena Vista School stated that he wanted the Commission to support the plan as-is, right now. Jason Klemhoff representing skateboarders stated that he supports the skateboard idea. Sarah Kennedy stated that she was not opposed to a skateboard park in the neighborhood but feels that the proposed space is too small and that she was opposed to fencing in the park. Jeanne Darrah PROSAC District 9 Representative stated that it very important to her that this project be driven by the community. She spoke about: 1) how she notice the community, 2) the support of the community, 3) the stakeholder she solicited and 4) unanimous consensus in favor of the compromised final plan. Jenny Alduz PTA President, spoke the parents feeling unsafe because of the illicit activity that currently goes on in the park. She complimented staff for taking on this large project and hopes that the Commission will support the improvements. She also spoke about the accident with the little girl and how the Buena Vista community worked very hard with the Department of Parking & Traffic and the Board of Supervisors to address the safety issues to increase safety for the children in this area. Anidia Zabala stated that her opposition for the location of the proposed skate park which is a well know gang initiation turf. She suggested other events for this venue to attract users to the park. Tonja Kor representing Buena Vista School stated her support for all the improvements that are suggested for the Potrero del Sol Park. She compared the problems at McKinley Square and after the Department fixed up the park the bad elements were driven out and is now used by all types of users from dawn to dusk and feels that the same will happen at Potrero del Sol park. Pablo Carranza representing skateboarders stated that need for skate parks because San Francisco only has one. Jenny Caulfield parent of children at Buena Vista and resident of Potrero Hill endorsed the good work that has been done for Potrero del Sol Park. Peter Armour stated that he strongly supported the whole package of the plan. He spoke about: 1) trusting the skateboarders and 2) the traffic issues to reiterated what Jenny Alduz the said that the community has been working diligently with the Department of Parking and Transportation on increasing safety at the Potrero corridor. Leora Vestel neighbor of Potrero del Sol stated her support for the changes in the park. Mindi Canner's daughter attends Buena Vista School stated that there was safety in numbers. She stated that she supports the plan and would like to see it go through. Leslie Bandy representing the Neighborhood Parks Council stated support for the proposal. Ilya Weber representing the Skateboard Task Force stated that he was pro a skate park at Potrero del Sol. He also spoke about a resolution that was approved by Supervisor Ammiano and Supervisor Newsom also supporting a skate park at Potrero del Sol. Ted Loewenberg, Chairman, Skateboard Task Force voice his support for a skate park in Potrero del Sol. He spoke about recommendations from the task force to be included in the process for planning and development for this proposal. Cathy Ritter, representing Buena Vista School stated her support for the overall plan. She spoke about the plan bringing safety into the neighborhood. Ancel Martinez, representing Buena Vista School and Mission Resident asked the Commission to support the staff recommendation for the renovations and improvements to La Raza Park. He spoke about: 1) a grant from Sacramento for Safe

Routes for Schools, 2) monies Department of Parking & Traffic received for modernization in the Potrero and 3) legal compliance of public behavior to be a priority to ensure safety in all parks. He complimented the staff on a job well done of soliciting community input and bringing their expertise to the table.

President Murray commented that whether the residents agree on an issue everyone has to get along. He stated that the Department is investing millions of dollars to make the parks more useable and a place for everyone to enjoy. He spoke about the Commission hearing topics with an equal amount of passion and he hopes that whether people feel they were on the winning or losing side that they leave with a positive thought about the willingness of people to invest in their communities.

Ms. Tienken stated that the petition that was mention by a prior speaker was not included in the Commission's binders.

Robert Watkins, Area Supervisor spoke about the health and safety concerns at the Potrero del Sol Park. He spoke about: 1) the daily of routine of Gardener, John Sustarich, 2) the improper use of the restrooms and 3) the questions he asked when interviewing potential gardeners are based on issues from Potrero del Sol.

Commissioner Prozan echoed **President Murray's** comment. The commissioners love San Francisco because it is such a participatory democracy, we all live here, we all want to get along and we all want better parks. She spoke about issues raised at the Committee meeting: 1) to address the enforcement issues the Committee recommended staff meet with the Captain Corrales at Mission Police Station as soon as possible and 2) the skateboard issues has to be worked out with everyone going back to the table and figure out how we can make it work and better. She stated that Ms. Tienken has done an amazing job on this plan, a lot of people have participated and a lot of voices have been heard so kids, soccer players, and hopefully skateboarders are going to be able to use the park.

After the presentation and public comment the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) Mission Police Station involvement in the community meetings, 2) was enforcement looked at from a policing standpoint, 3) the day laborers, 4) the non-profit organizations that work with families in the area should be included in the process, 5) saving the hill, the pond and the willow tree, 6) that all usage be incorporated into the plan and 8) citywide and local needs for skateboard parks.

Commissioner Chin echoed **Commissioner Prozan's** points from the Committee meeting. He thanked everyone who participated and hoped that everyone will continue to participate with whatever the decision is today. He stated that the conceptual plan was very exciting and as a previous speaker said we all have to trust each other. He also stated that he was supportive of this .

Commissioner Bonilla spoke about growing up in Fresno where skateboarding was a common activity that meant everything to a child because there was so little to do. She also spoke about: 1) her passion for skateboarding because this activity was productive for kids, 2) the positive experience at skate parks for many low-income families and families without recreation or leisure type of activities for their kids, 3) her parent's home that borders a skate park and was impressed that her father liked having the kids around. She stated that she supports the purposed skate park and feels that we should accept skateboarding as a way of life for our kids.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual landscape plan for La Raza/Potrero del Sol Park.

alamo square

Dan McKenna presented this item to the Commission to designate a new Dog Play Area at Alamo Square.

Background:

Pursuant to the Recreation and Park Commission policy (Resolution Number 0205-001) on designating park land for Dog Play Areas, the Department is proposing to designate an area in Alamo Square within the western side of the Park.

Alamo Square totals 12.7 acres and is bounded by Hayes, Steiner, Fulton, and Scott Streets. The Park is known for its large grassy knolls and exceptional vistas from its elevated topography. The recreational opportunities at Alamo are primarily informal. However, the Park does have an enclosed child's play area and tennis court. For many years, many dog owners have used various areas of the park for both on-leash and off-leash recreation. Currently, Buena Vista Park has the closest designated off-leash area.

Staff met with approximately 40 community members on December 10, 2002 with three options for a designated area. The three proposed options were similar in all aspects except for size:

Option #1 = 1.6 acres

Option #2 = < 4 acres

Option #3 = < 6 acres

All of the options involve soft boundaries with signage designating boundaries and all have paved pathways either through or adjacent to the perimeter of the area. Staff solicited comments for each of the Option #3, the largest area, receiving the most support.

Given the community input at the meeting, Section 3.1 of the Dog Policy, and subsequent input from the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association, staff has recommended Option #2 as the preferred area for the creation of a DPA. The justifications for Option #2 are as follows:

1. Public Safety - Without significant gating and fencing the western pathways would not be accessible to non off-leash park visitors without traversing through Option #3. Park users who choose not to associate with off-leash dogs would have to enter the Park either through the Pierce Street stairs (mid point for the park) or through the eastern entrances.
2. Adequate Size - Option #1 is too small given the number of off-leash park users currently using the Park and is consistent with Section 3.2 and 3.6 of the Policy related to dog populations and direct access via a park edge.
3. Historical Park Character and Use - Option #3 would effectively displace from the entire western half of the park passive use. This would not be in conformance with Section 3.1 of the Policy related to displacement of established activities.

The Committee voted 6 to 3 in favor of option #3.

Commissioner Prozan stated that she was very familiar with Alamo Square and was in favor of Option #3. She stated that there are a lot of cards for public comment today and the majority was in favor of Option #3.

Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain if there would be sufficient access for the entire park before she supports Option #3. Dan McKenna explained the access points as shown in Option #1. He also explained to the Commission that staff has attempted to address the access issues with D5Dog and the Alamo Homeowners Association but has not come up with an adequate solution.

David Young, Park Advocate and Volunteer for the Department stated his concern for the self-interest advocates that do not represent the neighborhood or live in Alamo Square. He expects the Commission to act as guardians of the public interest for all the San Francisco Parks and not to support self-interest of any group for this reason he urged the Commission to oppose Option #3. Leslie Bandy represents her family in favor of the new off-leash dog area as represented in Option #1. Marybeth Wallace, Member Dog Advisory Committee (DAC) as a Representative of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth stated she voted against giving half of Alamo Square for unrestricted off-leash use. She spoke about her concerned regarding: 1) access, 2) shared use and 3) the participants at the community meetings and 3) the proposal from staff was not better enough. Arthur Feinstein, Director, Conservation for Golden Gate Audubon/DAC member also voted no on the proposed dog run area. He spoke about: 1) the policy did not intend designating half a park to a dog run area, 2) advocacy groups are running the process and 3) the proposal from staff needs work. Andrea O'Leary stated her opposition for the proposed dog run area. She spoke about importance of a full EIR for this project. Michael Wiseman, Co-Chair, DAC, representing the majority vote statement in favor of Option #3. He commented on the modified plan from staff for Option #3 and a good concession would be to allow access into the park without entering the off-leash area. He explained that Option #3 encompassed the west half of the park and the opposition main concern was access. He spoke about: 1) alternate access points and 2) the endorsement for Option #3 from Sergeant Herndon, San Francisco Police Department. Donald Bird, DAC representing the minority on the Committee spoke about staff's conclusions that: 1) Option #3 jeopardizes the intent that the DPA was in a safe area, 2) at the western half of the park there are three entrances and several pathways to access the park which comprises the safety of users, 3) in Option #3 park users must traverse the park through a DPA, 4) Option #3 sets aside half of an historical park for a single use that excludes other park users and displaces passive and active recreation, and 5) mixed use is not supported by the dog policy. He asked if Option #3 was in compliance with EIR, CEQA, ADA, or with Landmark regulations. Sue Valentine stated that Alamo Square is a twelve-acre park with one gardener. She asked if the gardener was asked about the problems related to the wear and tear on the park from the dogs. She spoke about the hedges in Option #3 that was proposed as the boundary to outline the DPA and felt that people might not realize that the hedges would be installed. She also stated that Alamo Square is located in an historic district.

President Murray stated that the Commission was not procedurally ready to take a final vote and offered an amendment to have an additional access point at the northern side of Alamo Square called Option #3A.

Dan McKenna commented that the amendment proposed by President Murray is something that has strong merit. He proposed to put a stencil on a piece of pavement and a sign that has arrow that says on-leash, off-leash.

Commissioner Bonilla stated she supported the amendment to provide better access on the western northern side of the park.

President Murray explained that Option #3A would carve off some of the northwest side of the DPA and asked Dan McKenna and Michael Wiseman to draw up an example to show the Commission.

Michael Wiseman explained to stay true to the majority vote of committee, would be to basically have the dog park in the path closes to the street.

Barbara Deutsch, Community for Butterflies spoke about the gray fox that spent six months beside her house in 1998 and has returned twice since. She stated that the gray fox has been extirpated wherever dogs are allowed to run free because the fox gets distempered from the dogs. Carol Arnold native of SF, property owner and frequent user of the park stated that she strongly supports Option #3 without any reduction in size as suggested for Alamo Park. Alice Patterson western addition resident and dog owner stated that she supports Option #3. Sally Stephens, Communications Director, SFDog stated she was against reducing the size of the dog play area as suggested by the Department. Matt Magana, D5Dog spoke about the signatures collected that support Option #3 with no amendments. Naomi Mustari, Alamo Square Neighborhood Association member and resident since 1978 asked the Commission not to change the status quo. Lee Leibrock resident spoke about: 1) the consciousness of the community, 2) the two gardeners that work at the park and 3) the safety of the access area. Mark Beshires resident stated that Option #3 is the best option and it works as a nice compromise. Michael Waddell resident stated that the legalization of Option #3 does not apply to single use. Bill Perrault resident spoke about the positive aspects of the dog community at Alamo Square. Bruce Engle stated he strongly supports Option #3. Janet Stafford resident spoke about the urban animals interacting so well with people. Suzanne Harmes recent resident of Alamo Square stated that she and her husband supports Option #3. Aaron Vaughn resident spoke about growing up with dogs and good experience the kids and the people of the community have by taking their dogs to Alamo Square. He stated that he totally supports Option #3. Vicki Tiernan District 5 resident also in Cole Valley urged the Commission to vote yes on Option #3 for Alamo Square. She stated that there was virtually zero access to local neighborhood parks and that that fifty percent access is not unreasonable at other parks. Florence Sarrett spoke about the votes in favor Option #3. She urged the Commission to recognize the will of the community and to adopt Option #3. Lindsay Kefauver on behalf of SFDog membership asked the Commission to please vote to approve the Alamo Square proposed dog play area. Corinne Beuchet resident and business owner stated that she was in favor of Option #3 for safety reasons. David Robinson stated that Option #3A was reasonable effort to comprise. He spoke about the enforcement of the dog policy and the need for more of these areas all over the City. Anita Beshirs resident spoke about the proposal that was submitted which addressed questions regarding dogs off-leash. She asked the Commission to pass Option #3 as proposed today. Kasie Maxwell echoed the previous speaker. She stated that there are 300,000 dogs per square mile in the neighborhood and that an expansive area was needed. Ranow Love resident asked the Commission to strongly consider passing Option #3 with no reservations. Dean Preston stated that: 1) the park is used in the manner Option #3 proposes and 2) access will not be a problem as proposed. He spoke about President Murray note that whatever is enacted is not permanent and can be changed later. Kate Dilworth stated that this was amazing community and has never seen so many people work so hard to make something work. Peter Mandeville and his wife stated that the benefits of the community would be compromised by a reduction of the available open space. He dittoed the people who spoke about the value it would have for the community. Victoria Jordanova spoke in support of Option #3 however her access to the park on

the eastside was going to be impossible because she feared going to a park unless there are dogs running around. Barbara **Teasdale** resident stated that in addition to the proposed dog play area taking up half of the park and she would like to see the whole park available after 6 p.m. to walk at night and feel safe with their dogs. **Megan Burroughs** spoke about the Alamo Square community teaching her to raise her dog in the City. She stated that she supports Option #3. **Mary-Kathleen Stouk**, non-dog owner who uses Alamo Square park stated that she supports Option #3. **Sean Flannagan**, Alamo Square Association member and homeowner urged the Commission to take the dog committee's recommendation of voting for off-leash with no amendment. He asked the Commission to please vote for Option #3. **Jenevieve Cameron** resident strongly urged the Commission to adopt Option #3. **Thomas Ballantyme** resident stated he definitely supports Option #3. **Robin Buckley** resident moved to the Alamo Square area specifically because it had a park where he could walk his dog. He stated the people of the community are fantastic and worked really hard to push this through and hopes the Commission will support Option #3 with no amendments. **Chris Fardale** resident spoke about how heartwarming it was to go the park with his dog turning her loose and watching her interact with individuals. He stated that hedges would encourage crime. **Lisa Vittori**, DAC member strongly urged the Commission to vote for Option #3 because the Dog Advisory Committee did a lot work on this. **Rebecca Harper** resident in Alamo Square spoke about accessibility to the park and felt that it should not be such an issue. She urged the Commission to vote for Option #3. **George Paphitis** spoke about his concern with the process. He stated that the right thing to do was pass Option #3 without an amendment.

On motion made by **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-000

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve that public comment was closed and this item will be voted on at the July Commission meeting.

Exploratorium

Chris Hart presented this item to the Commission for a lease with the Palace of Fine Arts for the Exploratorim.

Background/Description:

For over 30 years the Exploratorium has operated a world renowned museum of science and human perception museum, at the Palace of Fine Arts, under a lease agreement with the Department. Changes in San Francisco's commercial real estate market have provided the Exploratorium with an extraordinary opportunity to pursue the acquisition of it's own building. To facilitate a smooth transition, staff is proposing a three year lease which is terminable upon one year's notice.

The Lease presented for your approval today includes the following terms and conditions:

Premises: The portion of the Palace of Fine Arts building consisting of approximately 88,000 rentable square feet of space, currently occupied by the Exploratorium.

Term: Three (3) years, terminable upon one (1) year's notice at any time from the Exploratorium. The Lease would be retroactive to June 1, 2003 and end on May 31, 2006.

Use: The Exploratorium may occupy, operate and manage the Premises for programmatic uses for the benefit of the community, including public education, the arts and science, and complementary concession and corporate/convention even uses.

Monthly rent: Thirty (30) cents per square foot, approximately $26,400 per month for 88,000 rentable square feet of Premises, subject to the rent credit as set forth below.

Rent Credit: In exchange for the Exploratorium's sale to the Department of those documents for which a value has been indicated on the attached chart, the City will allow the Exploratorium a rent credit to be take in equal amounts each month over the first year of the Term for the total amount shown on the chart. The Exploratorium may submit additional documentation for possible additional rent credits, subject to approval by the Department in its sole and absolute discretion.

Utilities: Exploratorium shall be responsible for the monthly cost of all utilities provided to the Premises.

Maintenance: The Exploratorium shall maintain, repair and keep the Premises in good condition, consistent with the terms of the City's current standard lease form , at no cost to the City. The City will be responsible, at no cost to the Exploratorium, to maintain, repair, replace, and keep in good condition the remainder of the Palace of Fine Arts.

Deposit Due: Upon execution of the proposed lease, Exploratorium shall provide to City last month's rent.

Mutual Releases: The Lease contains mutual releases under which the City shall release any potential claim against the Exploratorium related to rent under the lease previously in effect between the Parties which expired December 31, 2001, and the subsequent holdover agreement between the Parties, and the Exploratorium shall release any and all potential claims against the City; provided, however that the indemnification provisions of the prior lease and any liability of the Exploratorium arising under any provision of the prior lease which by its nature or pursuant to the terms thereof is to survive the termination of the Lease shall not be released.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a lease with the Palace of Fine Arts and Science Foundations, Inc. for a portion of the Palace of Fine Arts building commonly known as the "Exploratorium".

san francisco Marina small craft yacht harbor

Brad Gross presented this item to the Commission for the proposed berth rental fee increase and other service fees at the San Francisco Small Craft Yacht Harbor.

Background/Description:

In August 2002, the Commission approved the conceptual Renovation Program for the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Yacht Harbor, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors take appropriate action to support the Recreation and Park Department's application for funding from the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways ("the State"). In March 2003, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of the application documentation to the State (Res. No. 149-03). The loan application was submitted by the deadline date of March 31, 2003.

Per the State's requirements for a loan application submittal, Recreation and Park staff included in the application package a report titled, "San Francisco Marina Renovation Feasibility Study." This study included a financial feasibility study which projected an average 40 percent increase in berth rental fee from the current average of $5.22 per foot per month to an average $7.31 per foot per month, applied at the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2003-04, or approximately July 2003. After the initial 40% increase, the fee is then anticipated to increase 4 percent per year through FY 2006-07. The rate for FY 2007-08 is an average $11.25 per linear foot per month, increasing thereafter at 3 percent per year. This projected/proposed rental fee

increase is necessary to build a reserve fund that can cover any shortfall when the project first opens and full debt repayment starts. And, it should be noted that the average 40 percent increase is still less than the average 51 percent proposed by the City Controller's Office audit report of June 2002. Berth rental fees were last raised at the harbor in 1994.

The bulk of revenues generated come mainly from berth rent fees paid by the boaters, and there is limited opportunity to generate additional revenues at the Marina. With this in mind, Department staff continues to evaluate of other fees at the Marina in an effort to offset the anticipated 40 percent berth rental fee increase necessary to repay the State loan. By increasing some of the burden of repayment from the boaters will be alleviated from the berth rental fee.

Public Input:

A meeting was held on May 12, 2003 to present the proposed fee increase and new service fee to the boaters and waitlist members. Fifty-four persons signed the registration sheet as attendees. After a presentation of new fees and services, eighteen attendees spoke publicly about the fees, and 4 other comment cards were submitted without the author speaking and their general comments were as follows:

- 4 persons were looking for some sort of guarantee that additional fees collected will go towards the renovation.
- 4 persons thought the increase was too high.
- 4 persons said they did not want to pay until the project was complete.
- 2 persons thought everything was find and want to go ahead with the increase.
- 2 persons felt they had no input in the design or were not informed.
- 1 person commented that the special event parking fees we unnecessary and may send people to park elsewhere.
- 1 person said the project was too big.
- 1 person said the concept was too expensive.
- 1 person said the boaters should be able to approve any rule changes.

Attendees and other interested persons were encouraged to send comments in if they were not able to attend, or were uncomfortable speaking in publicly. One letter was read and the comments are included in the tallies above. To date, one letter has been received and both letters are included as part of the attachments. Because of the boater's concerns regarding the potential procedures regarding additional revenues, staff is working closely with the City Attorney, Controller and the State to explore accounting options.

Les Goldner, President, Harbor Tenants Association stated his concerns for the proposed fee increases. He asked the Commission to please cut the fee proposal in half or less before accepting the proposal. Al Cavey, Treasurer, Harbor Tenants

Association and Harbor Advisory Committee felt that the increases were a done deal and stated his issues on the fee increases. **Reinhard Honlwen**, Lease Holder stated that he submitted written comment to the Board regarding the CEQA process. He spoke about his concerns regarding: 1) the CEQA process, 2) adequately noticing the tenants, 3) displacing tenants and 4) charging fees before the final EIR. He asked the Commission to consider not adopting these fees until the CEQA process was corroborated by the Planning Department. **Betty Foote** stated her concerns regarding the drastic fee increases. She asked the Commission to please be guardians and protect the seniors, fishermen and the loyal tenants in the Marina. **Ernestine Weiss** agreed with all the previous speakers. She stated that there should be basic maintenance before imposing fee increases on the people. **Grace Knight** spoke about two letters that she submitted to the Commission. She stated that the tenants would agree to pay a reasonable rate hike and certainly do not want to pay a rate hike for a project before it happens. She stated to raise fees and renovate what is already there. **Ralph Kanz** spoke about his concerns that this proposal went to the Board of Supervisors without the tenants being told that: 1) berth rates were going up forty percent and 2) 25-foot berths were going to be eliminated. He stated that this proposal does not make sense and in the Bay Area nobody pays berth rates before their boat goes into a brand new slip. **Joan Girardot**, Harbor Advisory Committee Member representing the public spoke about the boat owners not knowing about: 1) the $38.8 million plan that the Department pushed through and 2) the elimination of 20 and 25-foot berths. She wanted the public and boat owners to know that she, Gloria Fontanello and Emeric Kalman proposed a motion that the least expensive alternative for renovating and repairing the harbor at least be identified and evaluated in the EIR and were rejected. **Denis Belfortie** boat owner stated that he supported the fee increases and that it was time for the Marina to be fixed. **Marty Almeida** voiced her opposition for the forty-percent increase. She spoke about the disrepair at the Marina and hoped that the Commission would consider another plan. **Timothy Budziak**, DDS, resident, boat owner and harbor tenant stated that this was huge financial issue being considered at very difficult financial times and unfortunately forcibly carried on the backs of to few in order for it to work. He also stated that this proposal was unfair. **Tom Clothier** resident and berth holder believed that there was a tremendous disconnect on what the Commission was asked to vote on either a rate increase and not the rebuild of the marina. He recommended taking this increase and determined what it is for and if it is to rebuild the harbor it needs more time so a proper study could be done and determined what is fair. **Emeric Kalman** stated that he opposes the rate increases because it is not clear if it was for a new harbor or for covering expenses. He spoke about: 1) correspondence regarding funds for the marina, 2) the trust of the accounting that was submitted to Boating and Waterways and 3) proposed alternatives that were never addressed.

President Murray asked staff to see what was the projected level of surplus because there was a concern that rates would be raised and how the money would be used. **Brad Gross** show a slide with the projection levels. **President Murray** explained the annual surplus was out through 2009 and 2010 and the numbers are what the rate increase would produce and will go into a restricted Marina fund that can not be spent for other purposes than this project. He further explained that the intent was to focus on the requirements of this project and as you can see you run surpluses and deficits in the out years so in the out years people will be pay less than the full costs of the project at that time and it will be supplemented by the surpluses that were accumulated. He reconfirmed from a meeting a year ago that people who were are in the shorter berth are not going to be kicked out of the Marina but will either be in a longer berths paying for the actual length of their boat or they will be in dry storage

at the Marina. **Brad Gross** explained it was not the intention of the Department to displace anybody as a result of the project. **President Murray** also explained that under the current agreement all tenants would have no reason to be forced out by virtue of this if they pay their rent and observe the Marina rules.

Edgar Lopez, Department Public Works spoke about the EIR application that was filed in October. He explained that the Planning Department was currently reviewing all the correspondence and inquiries from the public and have begun to commission studies to address issues relating to lighting, site and biological impacts. He also explained the finding will be completed sometime in the fall and at that time it will be determined whether they will issue a negative declaration or move to a full EIR.

Commissioner Chin reiterated the point he raised at the Finance Committee notwithstanding the application to the State Department that $38 million level that the Department will be diligent and responsible in getting real input about the eventual scope of work and if indeed that results in a lower scope of work whatever is that we listen to the community as to whether that the $38 million budget is really needed or not.

President Murray asked staff to go over the cost per square foot for this Marina versus cost per square foot for the other projects that are going on now. **Brad Gross** explained that there are a lot of projects that are similar to ours because they were built around the same time and when the engineer from the Department of Boating and Waterways came to inspect our facility he stated that the Department was in the ballpark with our square foot cost and maybe lower compared to marinas in San Diego, San Pedro, Los Angeles and Orange County.

Commissioner Bonilla commented that $38 million was a high price tag for this project and encouraged staff to keep looking at all avenues to drive the cost down.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.

0306-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors take appropriate action to approve the Recreation and Park Department's proposed berth rental fee increase, and other service fees at the San Francisco Small Craft Yacht Harbor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss spoke about the petition she submitted to the secretary from all the people who are against ball playing at Ferry Park. She defined open space and what was intended for Ferry Park

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur

Commission Liaison

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
September 18, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President Murray announced that there would be changes in the order of the agenda. The calendar will be heard in the following order: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 6, 3, and 8. Item 9 was removed from calendar and will be heard at the October meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Jim Lazarus
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Billy Getty
Larry Martin

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RES. NO. 0309-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the meetings of July and August 2003 and Special Joint Meeting of August 2003.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
RES. NO. 0309-002

Sold To

Charles Paddock Zoo 1.0 Slender-tailed Meerkat $200.00 ea.
9305 Pismo Avenue $400.00
Atascadero, CA 93422
USDA 93-C-0024

Donation To
Isolee Smith 1.1 Magpie Goose
Gillis Grove Birds
1334 Gillis Road
Stockton, CA 95215
209-464-1968
USDA - N/A

Donation From
Wildcare 0.1 Virginia Opossum
76 Albert Lane
San Rafael, CA 94915
USDI # - N/A

Purchase From
Albuquerque Biological Park 1.0 Reticulated Giraffe $4,500.00
903 10th Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102-4029
USDI # 85-C-0001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Telegraph Hill Dwellers to produce "Movie Night on Washington Square" on October 11, 2003 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
RES. NO. 0309-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Donna Schumacher's request to display "Talking Chairs", (an art project that was awarded a Cultural Equity Grant from the San Francisco Arts Commission) at Union Square from mid-October to mid-January.
RES. NO. 0309-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the Southeast Hillside Erosion Control Project at Buena Vista Park.
RES. NO. 0309-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does park closure hours from sunset to sunrise for Lessing Sears Mini Park. **RES. NO. 0309-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the temporary placement of eight Beniamino Bufano granite animal sculptures by the San Francisco Arts Commission on the land surrounding the Randall Museum.
RES. NO. 0309-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers, to pay for striping the parking lot at Candlestick Park, and to pay for various repairs within the stadium.
RES. NO. 0309-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) recommend to the Board of Supervisors to

accept a gift-in-place of a restroom and storage maintenance structure, valued at $250,000, from the Trust For Public Lands for India Basin Park; and 2) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Trust for Public Lands to accept a gift-in-place of a restroom and storage maintenance structure, as the City Attorney shall approve, and contingent upon acceptance of a gift-in-place by the Board of Supervisors for India Basin Park.
RES. NO. 0309-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Galliera Inc. dba Trico Construction in the amount of $1,342,510 for the West Portal Clubhouse and Park Renovation project.
RES. NO. 0309-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place of a new trail and restored wildlife habitat, valued at $288,355 from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for Lake Merced.
RES. NO. 0309-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does apply, accept and expend one grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Non-Motorized Trails Program in the amount of $220,000 to be used for trail improvements, erosion control and interpretive signage for Pine Lake Trail Improvement Project. **RES. NO. 0309-012**

GENERAL CALENDAR

ALAMO SQUARE

President Murray stated that the Commission heard extensive public testimony on the establishment of a Dog Play Area at Alamo Square and for logistical reasons the Commission was unable to vote thus deferring the vote to this meeting. Staff presented this item for Commission consideration at the June Commission meeting.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0309-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the designation of option 3A as a new Dog Play Area at Alamo Square.

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LA GRANDE WATER STORAGE TANK

Keith Kawamura presented this item to the Commission requesting approval for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission replacement of the La Grande potable water storage tank on the property of the Department at McLaren Park.

Background/Description: The existing La Grande Tank is a 350,000-gallon potable water storage tank located on top of a hill at the northwestern slope of John McLaren Park. The steel tank is 28-foot in diameter and 80-foot tall. It was constructed in 1956 and is used by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for domestic water storage, potable distribution, and for fire protection. Its continued operation is critical to the health and safety of residents of the Excelsior Neighborhood and for the protection of McLaren Park.

Engineering studies have determined that La Grande Tank is deteriorated and requires replacement. Plans have been prepared by the SFPUC and the San Francisco Department of Public Works to replace the existing tank with a new tank of the same

size and capacity at a site approximately 60 feet northeast of the existing tank.

The project proposed by the SFPUC includes construction of a replacement tank of a site northeast of the existing tank and installation of a new inlet pipe from the intersection of Excelsior Avenue and Prague Street to the replacement Tank. Once the replacement tank is operational, the existing tank will be demolished and the location of the existing tank would be restored to a natural condition.

The replacement La Grande Tank will continue to serve as a water source for fire protection in John McLaren Park in conformance with the intended use of park property under San Francisco Charter Section 4.113.

Project Cost and Source of Funding:

Cost Estimated construction cost of $2,700,000
Source SFPUC Capital Improvement Project Funds 2002 CIP Bond A

Environmental Review: SFPUC is seeking category exemption under CEQA State Guidelines Section 15301 from the Planning Department's Office of Environmental review.

Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin by June 2004 and is expect to last for 14 months.

At the Parks and Planning Committee meeting **Commissioner Lazarus** asked staff to take a look at the possible need for trees for screening on the north side of the proposed tank. **Mr. Kawamura** explained that given the very difficult conditions at the site of extreme wind and rocky shallow soil Recreation and Park staff will plant a grouping of young Monterrey Cypress trees as a pilot program. The expectation for the trees to be established would be a low percentage given the site conditions and Recreation and Park staff will do further study that the PUC has agreed to the fund as part of their project. He introduced Mr. Kevin Berry from the PUC who is responsible for overseeing the water delivery system for the public in the City and County of San Francisco.

Kevin Berry, Manager, City Distribution Division, PUC, spoke in support of the Commission's approval of the conceptual plan for the replacement of the La Grande tank and associated improvements to McLaren Park. He would like to see this project move forward with this process for the benefit of the people of community and the City of San Francisco. He also spoke about: 1) the enhancement to the neighborhood, 2) PUC investment on the landscaping, 3) the art contribution and 4) community meetings.

He explained the critical issues: 1) the tank is an essential water facility to provide the public safe drinking water, 2) the tank provides fire protection to the surrounding neighborhoods. He also explained that the PUC expedited replacement of the tank because of the severity of its condition and what is at stake if it were to fail. He spoke about the extensive public process and the urgency to replace this seismically challenged facility and the urgency from the community to start the project now.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following concerns: 1) the cost of the landscaping as it relates to the construction or the aesthetics of the project, 2) softening the look of the tank, 3) objections to the basic design of the tank, 4) Art Commission approval of the basic design and 5) the Recreation and Park's approval of the location change and landscaping plan of the new location. **Howard Fung**, Project Manager, PUC explained that funding for the landscaping was related to the

construction of the tank. President Murray asked Commissioner Lazarus if he has seen a landscape plan and if his expectations were being met. Commission Lazarus referred to the landscape plan in the Commission's packet and felt the plan was inadequate to soften the tank on the north side. He commented that there was a landscape plan that in effect eight trees will grow four or five-feet, six-feet in height. He wanted the departments to come back with whether or not there was an agreement to replace the tree component of this landscape plan with a number of trees appropriate to plant to soften the look on the north and south of the tank to enhance the area.

Mr. Fung explained that the Art Commission would hear two phases of the project in the fall for final approval. Commissioner Lazarus asked if SF Beautiful and others could take their design concerns to the Art Commission. Mr. Fung stated that the public could bring their design concerns to the Art Commission or to the PUC. President Murray asked Commissioner Lazarus if this item was moved today would it be helpful to ask staff to come back to with a revised landscaping plan for review at the Park and Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Fung commented that there has been discussion with Natural Areas Program regarding the trees and funds the PUC has set aside in the construction contract for replanting of the area.

Franco Mancini stated his concerns: 1) what was up for approval at the commission meeting, 2) the process not complete, 3) input from all the residents of San Francisco not only the immediate community, 4) never seeing the landscaping plan in perspective, 5) the enormous size of tank bears down on the local residents and 6) softening the look of the tank. He stated that the Art Commission has not seen the design and urged the Commission to let the process unfold. Claire Zavanski stated that she work for the PUC and has worked on this project and attended almost all of the public meetings in the community and neighborhood. In addition she is a member of the District 11 Council and the Excelsior Improvement Association and lives just below the tank. She spoke in support of this project She also spoke about the community concerns about replacing trees and agrees with Commissioner Lazarus on the Monterey Cypress. She also stated that the immediate community and adjacent organizations most effected by this tank are anxious to have the process and construction of the new tank go forward and would like the opportunity to continue to work with the PUC on the landscaping issues. She would like the Commission to give permission to the Department to go forward with construction and let continue talks about landscaping. Rebecca Silverberg, President, Excelsior Improvement Association stated that there were two issues: 1) the need for a new tower and 2) landscaping of the area. She stated that the tower not only provides water to the community but the pressure to the fire hoses. She also stated that the community did not want the removal of trees. She asked the Department to come up with something that will be complimentary from a distance since the tank is on Recreation and Park land and the PUC will fund the project.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0309-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the proposed site relocation, approval of all plans submitted to the Commission with the exception of irrigation and landscaping plans, which will come back to the Commission for approval.

EDGEHILL PARK

General Manager Goldstein presented this item to the Commission for a proposed exchange of City property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public works at the corner of Portola Drive and Clipper Streets for five vacant lots uphill from Edgehill

Park. The purpose of the exchange is to expand Edgehill Park.

Bob McDonald spoke about the history and process of the Edgehill Acquisition Phase I. The Acquisition has been under review by Department since early 1980 and has been reviewed and considered by the Open Space Committee from time to time. In 1996 the Recreation and Park and the Planning Commission evaluated the proposals to acquire the Spiers' property that are question. In 1998 the parcels were designated and placed in the Recreation and Park element as a priority acquisition for open space. Funding was set aside for the purchase of these lots and the Open Space Committee made a recommendation in 1998 for the purchase. The genesis of the agreement was to fulfil the arrangement and work to acquire these properties that were designated in the general plan. Environmental review has been taken place for the acquisition for the Edgehill parcels and a General Plan Referral was review and approved by City Planning. All the documentation has been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, who approved this acquisition, along with the amendments to Recreation and Park element.

Background: The proposed exchange was prompted when William Spiers' attempted to develop five lots located directly uphill from the City's Edgehill Woods Park, also known as Edgehill Mountain Park. The City acquired Edgehill Park in 1986 by eminent domain. The park, consisting of Cypress, Eucalyptus, and Monterey Pine trees, is located on the southwest side of Edgehill Mountain facing Portola Drive. The park lies between Knockash Court and Shangri-La Way, a private street connecting to Edgehill Way. Edgehill Way is a narrow, private road that winds up Edgehill Mountain, providing the only access to the homes on the Mountain. Edgehill Park is one of the few wilderness parks in San Francisco. It is used by residents of Edgehill Mountain, West Portal, Forest Hill, and St. Francis Woods, and by hikers from all over the City and beyond.

The soil and rock on the Mountain is unstable, causing landslides and subsidence. A portion of Edgehill Way collapsed in 1997 following severe storms, requiring the City's Department of Public Works to rebuild the roadway. At approximately the same time, portions of the cliff formed by the former rock quarry above Knockash Court slid, requiring DPW to demolish a home at the top of the cliff.

William Spiers developed 13 homes on Knockash Court adjacent to the five lots at issue. The five lots are vacant, steeply sloping single-family home sites located directly uphill from Edgehill Park fronting on Edgehill Way, Lots 10-13 and 21 in Assessor's Block 2934. In July 2001, the Planning Commission denied Spiers' application to build single-family houses on lots 12 and 13 on the ground that the houses were too large and the hillside was too unstable to permit development. In February 2002, however, the Board of Appeals reversed the Planning Commission's decision and granted Spiers permission to build the two houses, limiting the size of the houses to 3,000 square feet each. The Board further required Spiers to widen Edgehill Way directly in front of the houses. A neighborhood group has filed a lawsite in the San Francisco Superior Court challenging that decision. That action is still pending but would be dismissed if this settlement were approved.

Shortly after the Planning Commission's denial of this two applications, in August 2001 Spiers built a fence blocking public access to Edgehill Park from Shangri-La Way. Although the City and the public still had access tot he park through Knockash Court, the Shangri-La Way access is the Primary access and is essential for convenient use of the park.

The City disputed Spiers' ownership of Shangri-La Way. Moreover, the City argued, even if Spiers owns Shangri-La Way, the City owns an easement for access to the park from Shangri-La Way.

On November 29, 2001, the City filed suit against Spiers in San Francisco Superior Court for an injunction, asking that the Court order Spiers to remove the fence and stop interfering with public access to the park access to the park. Spiers cross-complained against the City for quiet title, claiming to own Shangri-La Way free of any easements for public access to the park. On February 22, 2002, Superior Court Judge A. James Robertson II issued a preliminary injunction in favor of the City, requiring Spiers to remove the fence and prohibiting Spiers from blocking public access to the park from Shangri-La Way. Spiers filed a petition for a writ of mandate in the Court of Appeal for review of the injunction. On August 29, 2002, however, the Court of Appeal denied Spiers' petition. Following denial of the petition, Spiers removed the fence and has not interfered with public access to Edgehill Park.

After the Court of Appeal's decision, the City and Spiers initiated discussion to exchange Spiers' five Edgehill lots for surplus vacant property owned by the City on Portola Drive and Clipper Street under the jurisdiction of DPW, Assessor's Block 2870, Lot 48. The City's purpose for pursuing the exchange is fourfold: to prevent undesirable development adjacent to Edgehill Park, to expand the park without the necessity of eminent domain, to obtain fair market value for the Portola property, and to facilitate the development of housing on the Portola site.

To determine the financial terms of an exchange of the properties, the parties agreed to jointly retain appraiser John Clifford to appraise the Edgehill property, and appraiser David Bohegian to appraise the Portola property. Based on the appraisals the parties have negotiated an exchange agreement.

Ed Lee, Public Works Department, stated that the Department is willing to accomplish this exchange as an important part of resolving a very long-standing issue. **President Murray** thanked him for helping the Department and stated that it was clearly something that the Recreation and Park Department could have not done without the partnership with the Public Works Department. **Mr. Lee** stated if and when the exchange does takes place the Public Works Department will work with the Recreation and Park Commission to make sure it comes under the tutelage of the Commission to maintain the open space and appropriate use. **Jill Fox,** District 10 representative for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee stated her caution on the acquisition of Edgehill as PROSAC identified the need for an overall plan for the acquisition for open space in San Francisco. **Nancy Wurfel,** Open Space Representative from District 4, she reiterated the previous speaker's comments. She stated that a resolution was passed at PROSAC to have a moratorium on all acquisitions until a plan was developed - except acquisitions in high need areas. She discussed that high need areas. She stated the need of these communities to have their areas serviced first. **Steve Cockrell** stated because of its location, size, configuration and steepness he did not believe that this property would serve a significant number of San Francisco park users. He stated that the surplus property that was being proposed as an exchange was not listed as surplus property by the real estate division in the June 2003 listing. **Mary Burns** with Greater West Portal Neigborhood Association , stated that Edgehill was already in the General Plan and had full support from the previous Open Citizen Advisory Committees and the Recreation and Park and Planning Commissions. She urged approval of this item. **Betty Alberts** a resident of Edgehill Way, involved in the process for over 20 years. She stated that she believed this was an excellent solution to the problem and urged the Commission to approve this item. **Tim Colen,** President of the Edgehill Way Association, stated that the project has been going on for 20 years. He gave a synopsis of the project, the support of this agreement and urged the Commission to approve this item. Harry **O'Brien,** attorney for Speier's Construction, spoke in support of this item.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution

was adopted:
RES. NO. 0309-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors the approval of the Exchange Agreement to transfer City-owned property Block 2870, Lot 48 to Spiers Construction Co., in consideration for the conveyance to the City of Block 2934, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 and 21 and Block 2923, Lots 72, and 73 for incorporation into Edgehill Park.

ROLPH NICOL PARK - CONTINUED ITEM

Robert McDonald presented this item to the Commission as a continuance from the August 7, 2003, Recreation and Park Commission - meeting.

Background/Description:

On August 7, 2003 the Recreation and Park Commission reviewed the shading and shadowing impacts associated with the proposed Stonestown Village Shadow Study. At that public hearing, concerns were expressed by members of the public including: impacts to park uses; the inadequate time to provide public comments on the shadow report submitted to the Commission; and the need for Recreation and Park Department staff to consider all comments submitted to the Planning Department related to the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Since the last Commission meeting staff has had the opportunity to discuss potential park use impacts associated with shadows, share information related to the shadow report and Proposition K with interested members of the public and review all letters and comments related to shadows and the shadow analysis that were submitted to City Planning responding to the published Draft Environmental Impact Report.

After consideration of all comments received as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and letters from members of the public related to shadow impacts, staff has concluded that there is no new information that would otherwise effect the original findings that staff has made regarding the significance of shadows and shading related to the Stonestown Village project.

Summary of Findings:

The findings from the shadow analysis indicate that portions of the existing park are currently shaded to some extent by St. Stephen's Catholic Church (existing yearly shadow is 0.50%). The proposed five-story, 50-foot-tall residential apartment building towers would add about 1.99 percent of additional yearly shadows, or 10,706,383 square foot hours of new shadow. The proposed two to three-story residential care facility (not a Proposition K building) would add about 0.4 percent of additional yearly shadow. The project would create a net shadow impact of 2.39 percent or 2.7 million square foot hours on the park. Combined net shadow impact to the park, including the existing St. Stephens Church, would be 2.49 percent or 13,392,597 square foot hours.

Because of the short duration of annual shading, the relatively quick movement of the winter shadow on the park, the fact that the shading would have limited impacts to the park's lawn and playground structure, and given the enormous social benefits of the new residential units, the Planning Department has concluded that the shading from the overall project would not be significant or adverse or effect park use.

Recreation and Park staff and the General Manager have reviewed the shadow report

and its supporting graphics and concur with the Planning Department's findings.

Shelby Campbell, Stonestown Project Manager, A.F. Evans gave an overview of the project. She spoke about: 1) the community meetings, 2) the site, 3) the design and 4) the shadow results. She stated that A.F. Evans was aware of the condition of the diseased Monterrey Pines at this site as discussed in the EIR and have committed to work with Recreation and Park staff regarding this and other items as committed good neighbors. She distributed support letters for the project.

Tim Colen, stated his support for the Stonestown Village project. He strongly believed that Stonestown Village would not create a significant shadow impact on the park. He asked the Commission to support the Recreation and Park staff and the Planning Department by voting to move this project forward. Dick Morten, Parkside District resident stated his continued support for construction of housing throughout the City. He also stated that shadows on the park are negligible. He encouraged the Commission to go forward and support this project. Mary Burns, President, GWPNA, stated that the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association believed there is a need for affordable housing and assisted living housing for seniors in San Francisco. She confirmed that the Stonestown Development Project will provide valuable and appropriate living space for our seniors. She urged the developers of the project to continue working with the neighborhood to listen and respond to their concerns about various aspects of the project and its impact on the surrounding residential areas. Adena Rosmarin, Director and Founder of Friends Rolph Nicol Park stated opposition to the Stonestown Village project because the study did not include the significant shadow impact recreational activity. Christophe Niglio, resident of Merced Manor stated opposition to the Stonestown Village project because the shadow study figures had no relevance to the impact of the new shadow on critical resources of Rolph Nicol Park. Su-Syin Chou resident of Merced Manor and Civil Engineer stated her opposition because she had concerns regarding the discrepancies in the shadow report. She asked the Commission not to rush their recommendation until all comments for the shadow study are addressed. Steve Johns opposed this item because it would limit the recreational uses of the park. Maureen Bender also opposed this item because 1) of the irreparable effects on Rolph Nicol Park, 2) the trees on the outer periphery would be damaged, cut-down or severely pruned, 3) the shading, and 4) believed every impact to the park should be part of the study. Ron Chun, opposed the project because the community did not have a full and fair open opportunity to respond to staff's shadow study and the effects that the shadow has on this park. Father Jevino, St. Stephen Church stated that he did not oppose the project but was felt that before the project was started the community should know the effects the shadows have on church, school or park. Karen Niglio representing the Merced Manor Homeowner Association and West of Twin Peaks Central Council opposed the project for the following reasons: 1) the deficient shadow study, 2) notice was not properly given to the community, and 3) questions have not been sufficiently explained or answered. Annemarie Conroy with Preserve Our Neighborhoods, a resident of Ingleside Terrace and a member of St. Stephen parish opposed the project because of the following concerns of the shadow study: 1) provides an artificial number by which to judge the shadow impact of Rolph Nicol Park, 2) only looks at total shadow to total park surface and completely ignores the established recreational activities and the direct impact of the shadow, 3) should be geared to show the total shadow impact to each recreational use that is cast by that shadow, 4) ignored any impact to trees or vegetation which are important component to a small neighborhood park and 5) does not prove insignificant impact. Kate White, Executive Director of the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition supported the project stating that the shading from the overall project would not be significant or adverse on Rolph Nicol Park and it would provide vital housing to help the City's housing crisis, as well as meet a much needed facility for senior living.

President Murray asked the staff to address the following issues from public

comment. Craig Nikitas, Planning Staff, clarified in detail the methodology used for the shadow study. Shelby Campbell explained that the trees would not be removed from the property line and provided the Commission with report that compared the shadow from 50-foot project and a 40-foot project. General Manager Goldstein asked Mr. Nikitas to explain the relation between the shadow study before the Commission and the shadow study included in the EIR. Craig Nikitas explained that the shadow study evaluated by the Commission was more detailed and the City's EIR shadow study was done as part of the shadow determination under CEQA. President Murray asked if the differences increase or decrease the shadow. Nancy Clark, Turnstone Consulting explained that the configuration of the senior housing slightly increases the shadow by two percent.

Commissioner Lazarus asked if this Commission could 1) consider the fact that this was a forested park and 2) what the difference was with the 50-foot impact versus the 40-foot impact. Craig Nikitas explained that typically in the past the Planning Department has not considered a forested park in making a precise code determination. He also explained that Planning Department uses the 40-foot height limit as a threshold and once the building exceeds the 40-foot height the amount of shadow cast by the building in its entirety, not subtracting the 40-feet was has to be considered. Commissioner Lazarus asked Mr. Nikitas if he was considering whether the couple of hours of shadow in the winter that already exist today was significant and/or averse to the park without the trees. Mr. Nikitas answered yes.

Commissioner Bonilla asked if the Planning Department uses the adopted methodology to make calculations and used consistently with all projects. Mr. Nikitas explained in detail the Planning Department process for every project. Commissioner Bonilla asked Mr. Nikitas if there was another type of methodology that can produce different results. Mr. Nikitas explained that it would take a joint hearing to modify the methodology that the Commissions adopt to implement this part of the planning code.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0309-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed Stonestown Village project will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Rolph Nicol - as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Isabel Wade, PROSAC brought copies of the Open Space Acquisition Plan for the City of Boston and the Assessment of Gaps in the Open Space Network for the City of Seattle to provide information to the Commission for consideration regarding suggestions made by PROSAC. She asked that the Commission make a decision on the moratorium today. She explained that the Committee did not make the moratorium suggestion lightly and hoped that their memo explained how they based their decision. She also explained that having a framework, policy and criteria would certainly help PROSAC and the Commission make these decisions in a more systematic and equitable fashion.

Commissioner Lazarus how the moratorium proposal would work with prior prioritization and approvals of open space acquisitions by prior open space committees if PROSAC was suggesting that this Commission freeze all programs, even those that may have been previously approved and in the queue. Isabel Wade stated that PROSAC was suggesting that all projects be put on hold because there were not

that many projects in the queue. She also explained that until there was a plan in place that really does set the priorities. The confusion in the general plan of the policy regarding priorities, there is random aspect where projects are not ranked. She further explained that PROSAC did not consider the Edgehill acquisition because it did not come before their Committee. She believed that there was problem in process and priority setting. **Commissioner Chin** stated that a moratorium was serious and before the Commission considered the PROSAC proposal he asked the impact a moratorium would have on the queue. He also wanted a sense from the Department how many of these special situations they envisioned in the future. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the planning process was absolutely essential and that the Department was moving formally forward to put a plan in place but the that planning process would inform opportunistic decisions the Commission will inevitably have to make because that was what land acquisitions was about. She suggested that an organized discussion before the Commission based on PROSAC's suggestions, to give the Commission a sense of what everyone has begun to think about in terms of priority, get some feedback from the Commission about whether those priorities are in the right direction and to inform the Commission what staff and PROSAC was working on to bring this discussion tighter. **Commissioner Chin** thought that was an excellent suggestion and thanked Isabel Wade for bringing this to the Commission's attention. He spoke about some of the information that he would like discussed: 1) what projects were in the queue and whether there were any additional unique opportunities that the Department may be pursuing that the Commission did not know about yet and the sense of proportion and that dealing with cases. The reason the Department should not deal with cases on a one-on-one basis was regardless of the type of criteria that we might established the reality was opportunities in the high-need areas are fewer than other parts of the City and the Department will always have more opportunities to react to than areas of the City where there was not land and how that is addressed as policy basis was a critical issue. **Isabel Wade** explained that was exactly the critical issue for PROSAC and that the moratorium suggestion was not for high-need areas but for a decision to be made on the priority of opportunities. She agreed with having the discussion, welcomed public discussion but hoped that this would be an action item. **President Murray** stated that for the discussion he would like to add a process for the Commission to review the list on a regular basis and PROSAC can put this as an item on their calendar to provide feedback to the Commission so that there was structure around their work effort. **Isabel Wade** explained that an important point from PROSAC relates to the community process. She explained that PROSAC now does not even consider the open space acquisitions so they would like that even as a temporary process reinstated because they think the Commission can make good decisions with good community input provided by appointed people representing their district.

Yomi Agunbiade gave the monthly financial report through July 31, 2003. He spoke about: 1) the projects active and completed and 2) the park planning meetings. He explained that going forward to the next step was to take the all the information received at the public meetings and update the Capital Plan for PROSAC and the public review then in December to the Commission for review and final approval. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that included in the Commission's packet were planning maps there are quite fascinating documents. **President Murray** asked Yomi Agunbiade to include as part of the monthly report a section on projects opening in the next 90 days.

Lydia Zaverukha gave a status update on the Strategic and Operations Planning. She spoke about: 1) the additional action plans produced as of July 2003, 2) activities currently underway, 3) recommendations, 4) operations planning next steps, 5) action plan chart analysis and 6) strategic planning: next steps. **President Murray** stated that strategic planning was a process where the Department identifies priorities but one byproduct of that should be identifying things that does not have to be done so resources can be applied more efficiently. He asked staff to explain if there was a

work product that identified items that will be de-emphasized or discontinued and as a result of identifying these things to make sure it happens. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the work product has not been developed but items from the Department's core and non-core decisions that have been made over the last year both in the strategic planning process and reinforced in the budget process which has indeed moved the Department to recognize those and concentrate on the results of what people determined to be core. She explained that this was driving the Department to look at alternative methodologies for delivering things that are non-core. **President Murray** stated as a Commissioner it would be helpful to have a document that shows what was core and non-core so when individual decisions are made the Commission can retain that focus. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that staff would provide the Commission with a document that identifies core and non-core items. She also explained that performance linkage was the actual performance evaluation process that she used with the senior manager that essentially is tied back to their individual performance plans. **Commissioner Lazarus** stated that on November's ballot there is a measure that will create a citywide process coordinated through the Controller's Office and in terms of goal setting performance. He asked staff if they were looking at the measure so that the Department would be internally prepared from whatever comes out of that process. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that she has had a series of conversations with several proponents of the legislation regarding the difference between performance measures and performance standards and a discussion was worth having with the Commission at some length and that the Department actually influenced the legislation as it came through the Board of Supervisors and are indeed prepared to comply with the legislation and the systems that has been put in place over the last couple years including these performance measures are in fact consistent with intent with the legislation.. She also explained that the Department had provided the Commission with performance measures in the context of our budget proposals that the Commission sees in terms of the materials that the Department produces and the Commission ratified in February. The Department does not provide the Commission with performance standards but we can discuss the difference and talk through it and the Department will prioritized it if this is indeed what the Commission would like. She further explained that the Department has been developing department standards in a series of areas and will continue to do so in the areas that we do not currently have them.

General Manager Goldstein introduced Michael Martin to give the initial presentation on the development of the lease language for the concourse area and recognized Dick Young and Greg Colley from the Music Concourse Community Partnership.

Michael Martin, Deputy City Attorney gave an informational presentation to the Commission on the lease and construction arrangements, as they will be proposed in an action item in the future and pointed out that Greg Colley from MCCP would give a more detail presentation on the financing of the underground parking facility.

Golden Gate Park Music Concourse Underground Parking Facility Project
Informational Presentation to the Recreation and Park Commission

I. Executive Summary

Staff of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority (the "Authority") and other City staff have been working to develop plans relating to the financing, construction and operation of an underground parking facility (the "Facility") to be located in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park (the "Concourse"), as such activities are contemplated under Proposition J approved by the voters in June 1998 ("Proposition J"). These efforts have resulted in the items before you relating to the approval of a ground lease (the "Lease") and the setting of the parking rates to be

charged at the Facility at the time of its opening. The principal purposes of the Lease, to leverage philanthropic contributions and anticipated Facility revenues in order to finance the construction of the Facility. MCCP is a nonprofit public constructing and operating the Facility.

The proposed private financing (as described below; also referred to herein as the "Bonds") will allow a leveraging of philanthropic donations pledged toward the construction of the Facility, which in combination with anticipated parking revenues will be sufficient to pay the obligations associated with completing the project. Furthermore, the Lease provides that in any given fiscal year funds received by the Facility under the Lease (including parking revenues and scheduled contributions from MCCP's charitable pledge program), net of (i) the operational and debt service costs of the Facility and (ii) the funding of certain required reserves, shall be transferred to the City for uses relating to the operation, maintenance, improvement and enhancement of the Concourse and the Park as a whole, as required by Proposition J. The Lease restricts the allowable uses of the Facility and provides the City with significant oversight rights and responsibilities relating to the ongoing operating of the Facility and the management of the Bonds. In addition, upon the expiration or other termination of the Lease the City will receive full ownership of the Facility along with all remaining assets held by MCCP in connection with the philanthropic pledge program.

II. The Lease

A. Key Terms

Under the terms of the Lease, the City will act as landlord through the Authority and the Recreation and Parks Commission (the "Commission"). MCCP, the tenant under the Lease, has engaged in a philanthropic fundraising program relating to the construction of the Facility and will construct and operate the Facility pursuant to the terms of the Lease, including a work letter agreement (the "Work Letter") governing the terms of the construction project which will be attached as an exhibit to the Lease. The principal terms of the Lease are as follows:

1. Lease Term. The Lease term shall expire upon the sooner of (a) the 30th day following the date on which the Bonds are fully repaid or (b) the date 35 years after the commencement of the Lease. There are also other provisions of the Lease which could result in an earlier termination upon the occurrence of certain events, including the failure of MCCP to complete construction of the Facility in a timely manner.

2. Payments. Although Proposition J permits a rent-free Lease, City staff and MCCP are currently negotiating an amount which is to be payable by MCCP as annual base rent. In addition, under the terms of the Lease MCCP will pay to the City the annual transit improvement payments in the amounts set forth in Proposition J, and a payment relating to the restoration and improvement of the surface area of the Concourse. At the end of each fiscal year in which the Facility receives parking revenues and MCCP Pledge Contribution Funds (as defined in paragraph 7 below) in excess of the payments which are required to operate and maintain the Facility, service the Bond debt, and replenish certain Facility-related reserves, MCCP will also be required to transfer 100% of such excess to the City as described in paragraph 7 below.

3. Title to Land and Improvements. Under the terms of the Lease, the City does not relinquish fee ownership of any Concourse land. MCCP is granted a long-term leasehold interest in lands beneath the Concourse and the right to construct the Facility at its own expense, and as such shall be deemed the owner of the physical improvements constituting the Facility. Upon expiration or termination of the Lease,

title to such improvements (along with all remaining assets held by MCCP in connection with its philanthropic pledge program) shall be transferred to the City at no cost.

4. Permitted Use. The Lease restricts the permitted use of the premises to those activities normally associated with a public parking facility. The Facility shall be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. The Lease acknowledges that MCCP has responsibility for procuring the services of a parking facility operator of good reputation and requires MCCP to provide written notice to the City of the operator's identity. MCCP is also required to obtain security services for the Facility; if such services are provided by a third party, the subcontract with such party shall contain insurance and hold-harmless provisions that are reasonably acceptable to the City.

5. Bond Financing. The Lease provides that the City consents to the initial issuance of the Bonds on behalf of MCCP, as described in Section II.B. below. The Lease also provides that MCCP may refinance the Bonds without City approval if and only if certain circumstances are present: (i) MCCP provides written notice that it is seeking to refund or refinance the Bonds to achieve debt service savings; (ii) the sum of MCCP's expenditures on Facility operations, maintenance, debt service, repairs and replacements over the preceding twelve months exceeds the sum of Facility revenues and available pledge program contributions over the same time period; and (iii) such action is reasonably prudent in light of MCCP's financial situation. If any of these enumerated criteria are not present in a given proposed refinancing, MCCP must obtain the approval of the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the Lease provides the City with the right to direct MCCP to perform certain Bond-related actions, such as changing the interest rate mode of the Bonds, utilizing a given fiscal year's MCCP Pledge Contribution Funds to redeem Bonds, and unwinding an interest rate swap or hedge agreement relating to the Bonds under certain circumstances.

6. Facility Budgets. MCCP's operating and capital budgets relating to the Facility are subject to a comprehensive review process involving the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, the Executive Director of the Authority, the Board of Directors of the Authority, and the Recreation and Park Commission, all in consultation with the City's Controller.

7. Use of Revenues. Under the terms of the Lease and the documents relating to the Bonds (the "Bond Documents"), MCCP is permitted to apply a portion of the revenues of the Facility to help finance the costs of constructing the Facility. The Lease and the Bond Documents also provide that MCCP shall have the authority, subject to certain budgetary approvals of the City, to further apply the revenues of the Facility, in combination with certain scheduled annual payments to be made from MCCP's philanthropic pledge program ("MCCP Pledge Contribution Funds"), to (i) pay expenses relating to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Facility, (ii) pay expenses relating to repair or replacement of elements of the Facility and (iii) fund certain related reserves, all as more particularly described in the Lease. As summarized in Section I above, any amounts remaining from a given fiscal year's Facility parking revenues and MCCP Pledge Contribution Funds after providing for all of the above expenses and reserves in such fiscal year will be transferred to the City for uses relating to the operation, maintenance, improvement and enhancement of the Concourse and the Park as a whole, as required by Proposition J.

8. Parking Rates and Charges. Pursuant to the terms of Proposition J and Section 2.109 of the City Charter, the Lease requires that the Board of Supervisors shall set the schedule of parking rates and charges by ordinance, as described in Section III., below. The Lease also contains a covenant on the part of the City to set the parking rates and charges at levels necessary to allow MCCP to make the payments it is obligated to make in connection with the repayment of the Bonds and the operation

of the Facility, as such obligations are more particularly described in the Lease, and to provide MCCP with a certain amount of additional coverage as required by the Bond Insurer. This type of "rate covenant" has been commonly used by the City in other parking garage financings, such as the Union Square and Fifth and Mission garages. Breach of the rate covenant by the City would be an event of default under the Lease.

9. Alterations. The Lease requires that MCCP obtain the approval of the City for any capital improvements or alterations subsequent to the completion of the initial construction of the Facility.

B. Financing.

The Lease has been structured to permit MCCP's leasehold interest to be mortgaged to provide security for and facilitate the issuance and repayment of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued on behalf of MCCP on a tax-exempt basis by ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations (or other conduit issuer), which will then loan the proceeds to MCCP pursuant to the terms of a loan agreement. Such proceeds shall be used by MCCP to construct the Facility.

Payments of principal and interest on the Bonds are anticipated to be secured by the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy by MBIA Insurance Corporation (the "Bond Insurer"). MCCP will also grant a mortgage of its leasehold interest in the Facility site to the Bond trustee (on behalf of the bondholders) and to the Bond Insurer. In the event of a default by MCCP under the Lease or in repayment of the Bonds, the Bond Insurer and/or the trustee shall have the right to enter the premises, operate the Facility and cure such default. Such operation may only proceed under the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease.

As noted in Section II.A.5. above, the Lease provides the City with certain rights to direct Bond-related actions. However, neither the holders of the Bonds nor the Bond Insurer shall have any recourse against the City or the City's General Fund in the event of a default on the Bonds. However, it should be noted that MCCP shall have a recourse against the City for its actual damages incurred as a result of a failure of the City to adjust parking rates if such an adjustment is required under the rate covenant in the Lease.

C. Construction

MCCP shall construct the Facility at its own expense according to the terms of a Work Letter Agreement between the City and MCCP, to be executed and attached as an exhibit to the Lease (the "Work Letter"). The Work Letter contemplates that the Authority and the Commission will have separately approved the final plans for the Facility. The Work Letter calls for MCCP to obtain the written approval of the Executive Director of the Authority in advance of executing any and all material changes to such plans costing $250,000 or less and for MCCP to obtain the approval of the Authority Board of Directors for any and all material changes to such plans which have cots exceeding $250,000. MCCP is obligated to obtain insurance and performance bonds in the forms and amounts required by the City, the Bond Insurer and the Bond trustee; negotiations between the City and MCCP regarding the forms and amounts of such assurances are ongoing.

Construction will not be deemed complete and the Work Letter shall not be deemed discharged until the City issues a "Certificate of Completion" certifying that all material aspects of the construction are complete, that the Facility has received or is in a position to receive the applicable temporary or final certificate of occupancy for the Facility and that MCCP has provided adequate security to ensure the completion

of all remaining nonmaterial items. If the Certificate of Completion is not issued by an outside date, MCCP will be deemed to be in default under the Work Letter and the Lease and will be required to return the premises to the City, subject to certain cure rights of the Bond Insurer and the Bond trustee. The specific outside date will be defined in the Lease and the Work Letter based on the anticipated schedule of construction at such time as the Lease is before the Authority and the other City policy bodies for final approval.

Separate and distinct from MCCP's obligation to secure the issuance of a Certificate of Completion for the entire project by such outside date under the Work Letter, the Lease provides that, should MCCP satisfy the requirements for substantial completion (including the receipt of a certificate of occupancy) with respect to one pod or any other discrete portion of the Facility, then the City shall issue a certificate to permit the operation of that portion of the Facility while MCCP continues to prosecute the construction of the remainder.

III. Rates and Charges

In connection with its approval of the project the Board of Supervisors will be required to adopt any ordinance setting the rates and charges for the Facility at the time of its opening, as required by the terms of Proposition J and Charter Section 2.109. These initial rates have been selected according to the findings of the parking demand study by Walker Parking Consultants which was commissioned by the Authority. According to the Walker report, these rates reflect a structure appropriate for a public parking facility serving cultural venues rather than a private facility driven solely to maximize profit. The lower weekday rates will apply at the commencement of the operation of the Facility and will be subject to adjustment according to the rate covenant under the Lease, as described in Section II.A.8. above.

President Murray asked Mr. Martin if in paragraph 5 in the summary where it says they can refund a refinance so that it achieves a debt service savings which intends to mean present value savings and that the underlying document says that. **Mr. Martin** explained that President Murray was correct that it was intended to mean present value savings and that it in the underlying documents.

Commissioner Chin commented that the City would keep the lease for 35 years irrespective of whether there was refinancing of the bonds. He asked Mr. Martin to explain if it would be likely that the bondholders would request the City to extend the lease payment if they were going to extend the bonds. **Mr. Martin** explained that bondholders might request that but under the terms of the lease the City does not have to grant the request. The City has a definite interest to have this lease end at some point in the future and in the negotiations the City has give an extra five years where the terms of the bonds can be extended and the backend date was put in there to protect the City in that circumstance. **President Murray** stated that paragraph five was more about not having to seek a new set of approvals then it was about the terms and the City could have of course come up with an entirely different set of terms and go through the approval process with all the various bodies is just that paragraph five allows to do refinancing without any of those steps. **Mr. Martin** explained that these enumerated criteria are the criteria for a refinancing that does not have to come back before this City's policy making body. **President Murray** asked Mr. Martin if the assets belonging to MCCP in the event of default under the control of a trustee would be directed by bondholders are not allow to dispose of assets at that point. **Mr. Martin** explained that the lease was drafted so that anybody that exercises their rights under the mortgage and leasehold deed of trust has to step into the shoes of MCCP and operate the garage under the terms and conditions of the lease. So functionally from the City's point of view the City's relationship to whoever was operating the garage whether it be MCCP or a subsequent successor will be the same and so there will be no difference between the City's relationship at that point.

President Murray asked if this structure does not permit subsequent financing to raise new proceeds for new construction or other projects so that once the first deal was done refinancing could be done to achieve present value savings. In the future if garage revenue goes up dramatically for whatever reason and the facility itself produced bondable revenues under this document you could not do new construction financing using those revenues. Mr. Martin explained that President Murray was correct.

President Murray asked if there was a covenant with regard to coverage ratios between the debt service and the proposed revenue from the consultant. Mr. Martin explained that the agreement with regard to coverage ratios be covered in more detail by Greg Colley in his presentation with regards to the financing.

Michael Martin gave an overview of other significant provision of the lease. He spoke about: 1) set of permitted uses, 2) rate covenant and 3) flow of funds.

President Murray asked what happens if there are cost overrun and insufficient proceeds to complete the project. Mr. Martin explained that MCCP has the obligation under the work letter agreement.

Greg Colley with MCCP gave a presentation of the draft plans for financing of the underground parking facility. He spoke about: 1) Proposition J objectives, 2) MCCP general objectives, 3) project financial model, 4) project financial objectives, 5) basic financing structure, 6) budget summary, 7) borrowing, 8) the City role in financial matters, and 9) projected benefits of the draft plan.

After the informational presentation the Commission discussed many aspects of financing of the underground parking facility.

Dan McKenna introduced Lorraine Banford our new Assistant Superintendent for District 1. The Commission welcomed Ms. Banford.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Cedric Yap, Deputy Director with Department Of Children Youth and Their Families spoke about the mission of the Department. Tajel Shah Assistant Director of Technology and Communications gave a presentation to the Commission on the Children's Services Allocation Plan. She spoke about: 1) the purpose of the report, 2) what was the allocation plan, 3) themes and sample outcomes, 4) moving toward results-based budgeting, 5) reviewing the community needs assessment, 6) methodology and 7) next steps.

San Francisco's natural beauty, diversity and tradition of tolerance make it an inviting place to raise children. The city's voters have shown a unique commitment to the needs of young people, creating a special fund dedicated solely to children and youth services, the Children's Fund. Revenue for the Children's Fund (Fund) comes from a property tax set-aside, and the Fund is managed and administered by the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), which also receives revenue from the City's General Fund. DCYF invests these dollars by collaborating with partners throughout the city - parents and youths, schools, city departments, community-based organizations, funders and individuals from the private sector - to promote innovative thinking and approaches to achieve the city's four major goals for young people:

- Children and youth are health.
- Children and youth are ready to learn and are succeeding in school.
- Children and youth live in safe, supported families and safe, supported, viable

communities.
- Children and youth contribute to the growth, development and vitality of San Francisco.

DCYF also works closely with the Children's Fund Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), which advise DCYF on policy and planning matters, and ensures that the voice of the community is heard. With a budget of over $45 million for fiscal year 2002-2003, DCYF distributes funding to over 200 community-based organizations and city departments. In addition, DCYF facilitates numerous citywide initiatives and projects - many of which are the first of their kind in the nation - and leverages funds from private, staet and federal sources to complement city funding. DCYF also plays a leadership role in helping the city to develop a more coordinated planning approach to its programming for children and youth.

OVERVIEW

Committed to Community Engagement

The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families plays a unique role in supporting San Francisco's young people. In addition to its role as funder, DCYF is a leader and convener, bringing together parents and youth, schools, city departments, community-based organizations and the private sector to develop innovative programs and solutions that support the city's four main goals for young people, established by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors:

- Children and youth are healthy
- Children and youth are ready to learn and are succeeding in school
- Children and youth live in safe, supported families and safe, supported, viable communities
- Children and youth contribute to the growth, development and vitality of San Francisco

DCYF's commitment to community engagement is key to this process. Making sure community members - especially young people - have the opportunity to play an active role in making decisions that affect the city's children and youth, DCYF uses various means for engaging the public in conceiving of, creating and implementing solutions.

This draft of the Children's Services Allocation Plan (Allocation Plan) is an important part of this process, for it will directly influence how DCYF distributes the Children's Fund in the years ahead. DCYF urges community members, community-based organizations, the San Francisco Unified School District (school district), city departments and other advocates for children and youth to make their voices heard by offering feedback on this draft. DCYF will host community forums and public hearings in the Summer of 2003 to gather community input on the questions that appear below:

Is linking results to the allocation of the Children's Funds the best way to improve the well being of children in San Francisco

- What should be the mechanism for prioritizing the outcomes for the Children's Fund
- Based on the allocation of city dollars and findings from the Community Needs Assessment, what areas of need should be prioritized by the Children's Fund
- How do city departments and community-based organizations' role complement each other
- Should the focus of the Children's Fund be influenced by city departments'

investments
- Should the Children's Fund provide core services or augment and enhance existing services

Background

This report is part of a multiyear community engagement and planning process mandated by the Children's Amendment, which was passed by voters in 2000. This amendment not only renewed the Children's Fund, a property tax set-aside established in 1991 for children and youth services, but also increased the percentage of property tax forming the Children's Fund and renewed the Children's Baseline (a minimum amount of discretionary General Fund dollars earmarked annually for children's services).

The Children's Amendment also required to evaluate program funded through the Children's Fund, as well as to conduct a specific multiyear, citywide planning process. Such a process enables the city to develop a logical, systematic way to identify, prioritize and address the most pressing issues that affect children and youth.

DCYF conducted the first phase of this planning process in 2002, which culminated in a Community Needs Assessment report. This report included information gathered through focus groups, surveys, population-level data and evaluation data. The next step in the planning process is this Allocation Plan, which is intended to build on what was learned through the community needs assessment process and to guide DCYF's disbursement of the Children's Fund. This report is the first time the city's total investment in young people has been presented in one place, enabling DCYF and the community at large to see how the Children's Fund fits into the larger picture of children's services and systems in San Francisco.

Once the Allocation Plan receives approval from the Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2003, DCYF will then implement phase three of the planning process, with the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2004. Through the RFP, community-based organizations, city departments and the school district will have the opportunity to apply for funding. Three percent of the Children's Fund will also be set aside for youth-led programs. In 2005, DCYF will begin granting funds based on this planning process, drawing in part from multiyear data evaluating the effectiveness of current programs.

CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT PROCESS

- Community Needs Assessment (2002)
- Children's Services Allocation Plan (2003)
- Request for Proposals (2004)
- Distribution of Children's Fund (2005)
- Evaluation of Programs and Services (ongoing)
- Process repeats through 2015

After the informational presentation the Commission discussed many aspects of the Children's Services Allocation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reola Freeman commented on how great she thought Harding Park was. **Ernestine Weiss** stated her concerns regarding pick-up games and permits. **C.D. Nordlinger** stated that he was unjustifiably banned from the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts and asked the Commission to consider removing the ban. **Emeric Kalman** stated concerns

regarding municipal code not being updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
October 16, 2003 at 2:06 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

PRESIDENT MURRAY announced that Item number 4A was removed from calendar.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Billy Getty
Jim Lazarus

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Goldstein spoke about the two items included in the General Manager's Report: 1) Efficiency Plan and 2) the Moratorium proposed by PROSAC . First, she spoke about the pilot program the Department participated in to develop an Efficiency Plan that must be produced annually under the Customer Service Ordinance. She explained that the Efficiency Plan was a way to track development of strategic plans, performance goals and provides an interesting summary of all work the Department has been done in the area.

She also spoke about the Commission's request for staff to make a presentation on the Moratorium proposed by PROSAC but PROSAC requested that the item not be on this month's calendar because key members of the Committee were not available today. She explained that in the Commission's packet was the policy document and a list of currently considered acquisitions and potential acquisition that was delivered to PROSAC at their meeting in August.

She gave the Commission an update on legislation: 1) the Edgehill land swap passed on its first reading and goes for its second reading at the next full Board meeting, 2) at the most recent Board meeting St. Mary Expansion passed on its second reading, and 3) the Department was asked to make a presentation to the City Services Committee at the end October to discuss the gap in maintenance standards and the ability to maintain our Recreation and Park system. She explained that staff was currently developing the presentation for the City Services Committee and will share the information with the Commission at a future meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RES. NO. 0310-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From Darlene Magee 5858 Olinda Road El Sobrante, CA 94803 USDA - N/A	0.0.1 Red-tailed Boa Constrictor	
Marcy Bruins 2793 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118 USDA - N/A	0.0.1 Bearded Dragon	
Micke Grove Zoo 11793 N. Micke Grove Road Lodi, CA 95240-9499 USDA 93-C-0006	4.0 Waldrapp Ibis	
Purchase From Tracy Aviary 589 E 1300 S Salt Lake City, UT 84105-1111 USDA - N/A	1.0 Southern Ground Hornbill	$1,500.00

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve NextArt's request to produce a free speech event about the role politics play in the arts and homelessness on October 7, 2003, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at Joseph A. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.
RES. NO. 0310-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Renaissance Productions to produce a two day gated event, "Renaissance Fair" at Speedway Meadow on August 28-29, 2004 with a request to sell beer and wine.
RES. NO. 0310-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for Kelloch-Velasco Park.
RES. NO. 0310-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan of the Palace of Fine Arts Restoration Project.
RES. NO. 0310-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for the physical improvements of the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Center.
RES. NO. 0310-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the designation of a new Dog Play Area at Upper Noe Recreation Center.
RES. NO. 0310-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of $348,620 for the base bid plus the alternate to renovate Bernal Heights Park Phase 1.
RES. NO. 0310-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request for modification of fees at Harding Park Golf Complex for: 1) golf carts, 2) buckets of driving range balls, 3) a new request for the establishment of a surcharge for playing 18 holes at Fleming Golf Course, and 4) a new 30-day advance reservation fee at Harding Park Golf Course for a limited number of rounds.
RES. NO. 0310-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a permit to Friends of Duboce Park to conduct recreational programming at the Harvey Milk Center for Recreation Arts.
RES. NO. 0310-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does adopt a new Departmental permits and reservations policy for athletic field use.
RES. NO. 0310-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors an increase in fees for athletic field permits.
RES. NO. 0310-012

PRESIDENT MURRAY commented that the restoration project of the Palace of Fine Arts was a project that the Commission was interested in and glad to see it moving forward. He asked if there was anything the Commission could do to help with regard to this project. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department received the first $3 million contribution and there are two other strong candidates for additional substantial gifts.

Monica Galvez representing St. Peter's Church which is affiliated with San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) explained that this past summer a couple of softball teams were organized within the Community that included several youth, young men and women from Juvenile Hall, the Mission District and St. Peter's Church. She stated that recently they found out that Rolph Park, specifically would not be available to their organization unless they have a permit and pay fees. She also stated that they are a non-profit organization that does not charge fees and does not get reimbursed for expenses and that they are one hundred percent voluntary. She asked the Commission to take into consideration a clause that lets community members utilize the park freely and willingly. Dan McKenna explained that as part of the proposed permits and reservation policy, any league, organization or sponsoring group that requests the use of a field through our permits and athletic field permit policy and charges less than $25 for a league season, the Department will waive the $5 per youth participant fee.

GENERAL CALENDAR

701 LOMBARD STREET

General Manager Goldstein gave a brief presentation on this matter. She updated the estimated appraisals from $1,000,000 to $1,800,000. She asked the Commission for their support to continue moving forward.

Background: Since 2000, the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) has been exploring the possibility of purchasing 701 Lombard Street. In 2001, the Department of Real Estate prepared a preliminary appraisal of the property, estimating the value to be between $900,000 to $1,000,000. Real Estate contacted the owners on behalf of the City about purchasing the property. The owner acknowledged the interest of the City, but expressed a desire to develop the site as a private mixed-use development. Soon there after, the property owner submitted development plans to the Department of City Planning which were approved. Subsequently, RPD abandoned the idea of purchasing the site. However, since RPD is currently developing a master plan for future capital improvements, purchase of this site is again under consideration. The Department of Real Estate and the City Attorney retained an independent appraiser to value the property. Since the first estimate of value, the owners of the property have obtained Planning Commission approval for development of nine residential units and ground floor commercial on the property. The current value of the property with entitlements is $1,800,000.

On August 7, 2003, the Commission met with General Manager Elizabeth Goldstein and the City Attorney in closed session to discuss negotiations to purchase the property with Open Space Funds and Park Bond Funds. Following the meeting, the Director of Property offered the property owners $1,800,000 for the property. That offer has been refused. On September 23, 2003, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a hearing on a resolution of necessity to use eminent domain to acquire the property for open space. The hearing, originally set for October 7, 2003, has been continued to October 21. The property owner has appealed the categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act issued by the Planning Department for the City's acquisition of the property. The appeal of the categorical exemption will be heard directly before the eminent domain resolution on October 21.

The Department is seeking approval from the Commission for the acquisition of 701 Lombard funding.

Project Site: 701 Lombard Street is a single-lot of approximately 4,119-square feet on a triangular block bounded by Columbus Avenue, Lombard and Mason Streets, and is currently used as an approximately 18-space daily parking lot. Curb cuts exist on Lombard and Mason Streets. There are no structures on the site. The site is located across Mason Street from the North Beach Library/Pool/Playground, and directly across from the entrance to the Bocce Courts. The Mason Street Cable Car line travels in both directions along Columbus Avenue in front of the site.

Historically, the site was occupied by mixed-use commercial and residential structures, a hotel, and from the 1940s to 1984 as a gasoline station. Since the gas station closed and the underground storage tanks removed, the site has been used as a paved surface parking lot.

The site is in the North Beach NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) zoning district, which includes non-public parcels along Columbus Avenue. The site is also within a 40-X height and bulk district. The North Beach Playground and the North Beach Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, located across Mason Street from the site, are on a block zoned P (Public). RM-2 (Residential Mixed, Moderate Density) zoning districts are located diagonally across the Mason and Lombard intersection from the site and

also one block west toward Russian Hill. Lots further to the north and east of the site are within an RM-3 (Mixed-Residential, Moderate Density) district.

Factors Considered: RPD believes the acquisition of the property provides an ideal opportunity to create additional open space in an area of high need. The General Plan's Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan indicates the need for new open space in the general vicinity of the North Beach Pool and Playground as part of its Neighborhood Recreation and Open Space Improvement Priority Plan. The City's General Plan also designates the immediate neighborhood as a high need area, based on density, income and concentration of seniors and school age children, and gives highest priority to consideration of new parks and recreation improvements in this area.

Additionally, this site takes advantage of an adjoining public right-of-way as a means to cost effectively expand public open space in a high density area and to locate open space opportunities close to public transportation along Columbus Street.

RPD has available Open Space Funds for the purchase of this triangle parcel. RPD also can leverage or borrow against anticipated future Open Space Funds, through the use of revenue bonds, should the acquisition cost exceed the amount of monies banked for acquisition during any given budget year.

Approved Development Project: The property owner has planning approval and building permits to construct a four-story, nine-unit residential structure with two small ground floor retail spaces and nine interior ground floor parking stalls. The building would include approximately 2,746 gross square feet of condominium off-street parking, 811gross square feet of retail spaces, 9,974 gross square feet for the nine condominium dwelling units on the second through fourth floors and a common roof deck. The building would be approximately 40 feet in height.

Valuation: Dave Bohegian, a Member of the Appraisal Institute, bases the $1,800,000 value of the property on an appraisal. Mr. Bohegian surveyed comparable lots with approvals for residential development. The comparable properties sold for between $150,000 per unit and $212,000 per unit. After adjusting the comparable sales for the passage of time, location, and the size of the properties, Mr. Bohegian concluded that a buyer of the property on the open market would pay $200,000 per residential unit that could be developed on the property. Because the property owners have already obtained approval of nine residential units, Mr. Bohegian concluded that the value of the property is $1,800,000.

Cost Estimate and Sources of Funding: $1.8 million from the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund and the 2000 General Obligation Bond for Neighborhood Parks.

Linda Richardson, resident of Bayview Hunter's Point stated that she opposed this item because introducing eminent domain without a public process sets a bad and dangerous precedent. **Henry Karnilowics** stated his opposition for acquisition by eminent domain because there are other areas where Recreation and Park can spend the money. **Nancy Wuerfel** member of the Park, Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee stated opposition on the basis that the Department does not have the money. **Ernestine Weiss** stated support for the acquisition because the downtown area needs a park and open space desperately more than any area in the City. **Betty Traynor** representing Neighborhood Parks Council stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard Street because: 1) eminent domain was the most expensive way to purchase property, 2) the lack of open space money for the acquisition, 3) street access to the park, 4) high-need for open space for other neighborhoods and 5) the necessity for a public process. **John Laskin** stated that he was neutral on the acquisition of the property and as previous speakers have said this would be a drain on the Department's assets. **Jim Keith** stated opposition for the

proposed acquisition because: 1) to spend $1.8 million from the open space acquisition fund for a 4,000 square foot lot in one of the most over served areas in the City was robbing from the under-served districts and 2) it did not go through the proper sunshine process. **Eamom Herlihy** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the poor maintenance of Hoff Street Park after its acquisition, 2) the District has already has four parks, 3) the City does not have money to buy the property and 4) he was against the adverse possession of this property. **Thomas Shuen** stated opposition for this proposal because: 1) North Beach has four parks and Chinatown their immediate neighbor has zero parks, 2) the City was in a budget crisis, 2) the existing parks are not maintained, 3) previous acquisitions had a long necessary process, 4) the property owner was not given proper notice, 5) the acquisition was unjustified and 6) he feels there was an abuse of power. **Richie Hart** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) after the acquisition of Hoff Street nothing has been done, 2) another park was not needed in the North Beach area, 3) the plan includes closing Mason Street, 4) eminent domain was bad for any City, and 6) the need for housing in the City. **Milt Gaines** stated opposition for the proposal because: 1) there are other areas in the City that are far more in-need and have been for such a long time and if funds were spent in these areas it will help a much larger percentage of the citizens of San Francisco and 2) using eminent domain was extremely unfair to the property owners and the citizens of the local communities. **Charles Breidinger** stated opposition acquisition of this lot for a park because: 1) the site was never on the Department's list for acquisition and 2) a need for park was never established by a public consensus and 3) the people of San Francisco have a right to know there was an endeavor to purchase this lot. **Susan Hildreth**, City Librarian stated support for the acquisition for the betterment of community. **Barbara Presta** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because the existing parks can not be maintained due to lack of funds. **Grace Shanahan** stated opposition to the idea of eminent domain specifically, in regards to 701 Lombard Street because: 1) the community was not given proper notice, 2) City officials ignored the process and 3) other districts need parks. **Angus McCarthy** stated opposition for the project because of the eminent domain process. **David O'Keeffe** stated opposition of 701 Lombard Street because: 1) eminent domain process, 2) the expense of project and 3) the focus of this property by the District Supervisor. **Brian McGee** stated that he and his wife were against this acquisition of private property because: 1) lack of need for an additional park for the North Beach area and 2) taxpayer funds should be used on the existing parks where Recreation and Park funds are honestly needed. **Regan Carroll** stated opposition to the 701 Lombard Street acquisition because: 1) the abuse of power and corruption regarding this project, 2) the Department turning down the offer to convert the site into a park, 3) of the difficulty to keep up the maintenance of existing parks during the budget crisis, 4) the usurping of the democratic process, 5) the property owners rights to due process and 6) one of the property owners planned to reside in one of the nine new homes to take care of this elderly mother. **Redmond Lyons** stated his opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because the Department is considering to take over property by eminent domain when the San Francisco residents have lived with program cuts and the condition of the existing parks due to the budget crisis. **Denis Carlin** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) of concerns regarding the safety of the children and injuries due to poor maintenance of the fields, 2) using eminent domain to take property away from someone that has followed the proper process was unfair, 3) the developer's project will create tax revenue for the City, 4) another park was not needed, and 5) the money used to purchase the land could be used to help the City and other projects. **Alice Barkley** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because:1) the flaws in the process , 2) PROSAC was not involved and 3) there was not enough information provided to make a decision. **Joe O'Donoghue** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the outpouring of opposition to eminent domain, 2) the double standard that was reflected in the process that has been totally ignored in this situation, 3) the matter of eminent domain regarding on the purchase price was before this Commission in a

closed hearing, 4) funding of this project would take away money from neighborhoods that are really in need and 5) unfair notice to the developer. **Rita O'Hara** stated that she was against acquiring this property by eminent domain because: 1) the lack of funds to maintain the soccer and baseball fields and 2) the need for housing in North Beach not another park. **Greg O'Flynn**, stated opposition for the acquisition of this parcel by eminent domain because: 1) there have been no public hearings, 2) RPD does not have the money to acquire another the property, 3) the neglected parcel after acquisition will not enhance the immediate neighborhood, 4) the lack of in fill construction businesses will continue to struggle, 5) North Beach was already well served with open space, 6) more housing is needed, 7) increase police duties from the likelihood of attracting homeless, 8) community input was overlooked, and 9) the suggestion that Mason Street would be closed. **Lynn Jefferson** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because 1) City money that will be misappropriated to fund the eminent domain proceeding, 2) North Beach Neighbor's voted the approval of the project months ago, and 3) corruption in the City. **George Douglas** stated opposition for the proposal because: 1) nothing has been done at Faye Park after the acquisition, 2) he opposes the removal of anymore property from the City tax rolls, 3) the need for more housing in North Beach, and 4) the developer's project would increase revenue to spend on needed services for all neighborhoods. **Gerry Agosta** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because the process was truly flawed and lack of money. **Sal Busalacchi** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) North Beach did not need another park and 2) as the North Beach Neighbors stated that if properly noticed and consulted they would have registered their strong objections for the acquisition. **Arthur Chang** stated his support for the acquisition because: 1) of the extent the middle school uses the park for recreational activities, 2) acquisition of this property has been long overdue and 3) eminent domain was relevant in this case because of a covenant in the deed which came with the land. **Mark Poeschel** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) spending so much money for North Beach when other neighborhoods needed help was unfair and 2) the property in question was not for sale or available. **James Nunemacher** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because with the amount of money that will be used to acquire this small parcel of land to develop into a park and maintain it, the Parks Department could hire eight or ten gardeners for ten years to properly maintain the existing parks. **Andrew Smith**, stated opposition for this proposal because: 1) the lost tax revenue from the acquisition of Faye Park, 2) this proposal taking away from the neighborhoods in need, 3) eminent domain was used to override the approval of the Planning Commission, 4) the fear of his investment that is in the same district will also be taken away and 5) the money the developer has paid having gone through the approval process. **Shawn Gorman** stated opposition to this proposal because: 1) it does not make sense when this City was in a housing crisis and financial crisis, 2) of the violation of citizen rights, 3) the eminent domain process, 4) the worst of ward politics that was represented by the numerous parks in District 3, 5) the housing need in District 3 and 6) the financial needs of other parks throughout the City. **Starchild** stated opposition to this proposal because: 1) eminent domain was an injustice and 2) giving the property owner four hours notice of a hearing that his property was going to be taken was an abuse in power. **Kelly Simpson** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) eminent domain forces the owners to sale their land to the City, 2) the money used for the purchase could be used to buy open spaces in areas of the City that need open space without using eminent domain, 3) the owner's have received approval for a building that will improve the North Beach district and 4) the owner's purchased the land with the clear understanding that they could build on it and navigating the City's complicated building approval process. **Julie Christensen** stated support for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because the need for open space in District 3. **Joan Wood** stated support of the acquisition because the project would spoil views and the four trees will have to be removed. **Karl Beale** stated opposition to this park for the following reasons: 1) the land is too small, 2) the dishonest approach this proposal was put forth which goes against the interest of the public, 3)

closing down Mason Street would be the only way a park could be feasible causing additional traffic throughout the neighborhood and 4) the money should be spent on recreational programs not on acquiring a piece of property for an already wealthy area. **Kay Murphy-O'Flynn** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because handicap and residential housing with ADA accessibility would be an ideal place for her to live. **Linda Buckley** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) Mason Street would be closed, 2) the extra time a fire truck would take to respond to a 911 call and 3) the lack of housing in North Beach for the elderly and people who are physically challenged. **Gerry Crowley** stated support for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the community has interest for a park located at this site and 2) the need for open space in District 3. **Donna Crowler** stated opposition of the acquisition of this parcel because: 1) the taking of property, normally was part large plan with an ongoing process and not directed at one parcel and one property owner at a time especially when the property owner has been through a long planning process and 2) the housing shortages in San Francisco was the cause of costs to go up. **Kevin McAvoy** voiced opposition for the acquisition of the property because the property does not meet the criteria to be considered as eminent domain and that the money could be better spent by maintaining the parks RPD already has. **Keith Wilson** stated opposition for the acquisition of the property because 1) the size was not suitable for a park and 2) property taken by eminent domain should follow the normal process. **Paul Scott** stated support of the proposal because District 3 has the need for open space and the community has expressed its will for a park. **Patrick O'Donoghue** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the whole process was flawed, 2) appraisals and offers provided to the owners did not comply with the law, 3) the plan to purchase the property includes closing a part of Mason Street, 3) there has never been a review by California Environmental Act as it must be, 4) there was no report showing public necessity to take the property, and 5) the decision to take the property was in closed session which violates the Brown Act and the City's Sunshine Ordinance. **Lizzy Hirsch** stated support for the acquisition because of the tremendous potential and the interest by the public sector. **Joe Butler** stated support for the acquisition because: 1) the library will be expanding which will take up open space and 2) the triangle provides a relief valve that this high need area needs. **Bill Marchants,** Attorney representing the owners of the property stated opposition of the acquisition of 701 Lombard. Seven years ago this property was for sale, his clients bought the property ,and a year ago they negotiated with the City to discuss whether the City would take the property. The City decided it did not want to take the property. Now after they have gone through the Planning Commission procedures and get the right permits there is rush to acquire this property. He also discussed the surface parking lot condition, 2) stated he was not aware of any neighborhood groups raising the funding at this point, 3) stated he was not aware of any steps that were taken right now to go through PROSAC. He further stated that his clients significant concerns were about the fact that PROSAC actually had a hearing and has decided that they needed more information from RPD to find out what is happening. **Amad Lazrizodam** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the traffic that surrounds the triangle would not be safe for children and 2) the site useless they built property so people can live in place that accessible to anywhere in the City. **Eileen Long** stated opposition to turn this parcel into a park for all the reasons given by previous speakers opposing this action. **Sean Kegren** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) the condition of current fields are not in good condition and 2) eminent domain should not be used for a Supervisor's pet project. **Kerry White** stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because he was upset about the process to consider a small park as an addition to the City's vast park system when there was a serious budget crisis for the entire City right now. **James Woo** stated that: 1) public money transactions should be with prior notice so that all views can be heard, 2) the transactions should be transparent, 3) if the project was a good project the public need not worry about the opposing views because a good project will always succeed and 4) eminent domain was a process to look at very carefully. **Ed**

Sweeney stated opposition for the acquisition of 701 Lombard because: 1) of eminent domain and 2) .the series of e-mails that RPD filed that cast doubt on the stated purpose of purchasing 701 Lombard site. **Brian O'Flynn** one of the owners of 701 Lombard Street discussed the "deed restriction on the property" -there was a conditional use which was applied to the Flying Dutchman parking company back in 1985 and it involved the use of this parcel as a parking lot a conditional use. The City Attorney has already given advice to Supervisor Peskin and other people that this has no weight. Next he stated that PROSAC had a meeting recently to discuss the inappropriateness of calling for 701 to be placed in eminent domain. It was going to be a request to have them added to the resolution for a moratorium on acquisition of open space he also stated that although this conditional use condition did not apply to the current owners, they talked to the RPD last year in a series of meetings entirely in good faith and negotiated with them. The City came back and said they have no interest in using the property. This was also confirmed by Elizabeth Goldstein general manager on September 23rd before the Board of Supervisors. He read into the record an e-mail from Susan Hildreth City Librarian to Julie Christianson dated September 23, 2002, and an email from Susan Hildreth to Larry Ritter and Bob McDonald dated September 4, 2002. He discussed the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals meetings and the need for open space in other areas. He requested that the Commission vote down this item.

David Owen stated he was speaking on behalf of Supervisor Aaron Peskin who was unable to attend. He stated that Supervisor Peskin supported the determination of the staff of the Department of Recreation and Park. He then discussed the process and the criticisms of the process, the need for open space in this area, the size of the property, the funding available, and the support of neighborhood organizations for this acquisition.

President Murray requested clarification on the action being requested today. As it pertains to eminent domain. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that this body has no jurisdiction over eminent domain. The Board of Supervisors does and it does so with a super majority. So eight members of the Board of Supervisors need to approve eminent domain if the City were to go forward with eminent domain. She stated that the City had approached this landowner about purchasing this property. The library chose to pursue other parcels for acquisition for relocating the library elsewhere in North Beach. They've been through that exercise and have not found other acceptable parcels. So they have returned to us and asked for an expansion on the existing site of North Beach Playground. Which brings us back into the circle of where we are now. Which is the public issue before us is whether or not North Beach Playground could use this expansion. It does not need Mason Street of this triangle to create more land area and more flexibility for planning and expansion and improvement to North Beach Playground.

President Murray asked staff to addressed the Hoff Street acquisition that came up earlier in the discussion. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the ground breaking for Hoff Street will take place on November 5th.

President Murray stated there was extensive testimony about the need for operating capital, which is well understood both in the Department and the community. He asked staff to address why the Department would consider any acquisitions of any parkland when we have operating capital needs and the open space requirements which were passed by voters. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the voters passed an expansion of the Open Space Fund in the year 2000 one of the requirements under that charter amendment was that we expend five percent of the allocation of the Open Space Fund on an annual basis for allocation and for acquisition. If land Is not acquired in that particular year the money was to be banked towards acquisitions in other years. The intent of that was that RPD acquire land as part of the capital program.

President Murray asked staff to the addressed the issue of Faye Park that was a gift to the Department conditioned on its use as a park. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department was just finishing completion on design on Faye Park. The reason the parcel has not been open to the public was because the parcel was not handicapped accessible and the Department has been working with the community to redesign the park to make it accessible. The Department will proceed to go forward with a construction bid which we anticipate going into construction in the early part of 2004.

President Murray asked staff to address the repeated mention of very short notice to the property owners. General Manager Goldstein explained that she can not speak to the Board of Supervisor's process. President Murray asked the Commissioners if they had questions that they liked addressed.

Commissioner Chin asked staff to address the statements and allegations made by many folks that the Department does money in the budget. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department does have funding both in the Open Space Fund and in the bond. The Controller's office needed to certify those dollars in advance of the Board of Supervisors moving forward on the actions that they're currently considering and they have indeed done that.

Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain if the costs include developing the project besides the acquisition. General Manager Goldstein explained the money that has been certified was for the acquisition itself and not money for future development but indeed the Department believes that the money can be achieved through our ongoing program and there was an expectation that the Department will be doing improvements at North Beach Playground. Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain the anticipated total cost for the project should it be developed for the purpose that has been discussed. General Manager Goldstein explained that the land would be developed as open space with seating areas, playgrounds, etc and that she did not know the total costs but did not anticipate the cost to be outside the realm of possibility. Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain if the Department has explored alternative funding or fund raising where monies would come from the community to help achieve this project. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department has not spoken directly to the community about funding but in this case there has been the offer for some philanthropic support. She also explained that the community has stepped forward in a number of key projects, has done a huge amount of work to apply for and get grant funds for this project and that she has a very high level of confidence that this community will step forward to assist the Department in achieving the financial obligations that we would be incurring under these circumstances.

Commissioner Prozan stated that the vote today, for this resolution, was for the Commission to give the Department the direction to purchase the property. She asked what would happen if the property owner says turned down the $1.8 million offer, how would the Department acquire the property then and when would it go to the Board of Supervisors to vote on eminent domain. General Manager Goldstein explained that there are actually two separate actions and the policy question before the Commission today was an acknowledgement that the price tag here based on the assessment that has been done was more in the neighborhood of $1.8 million then the back of envelope estimates that were last discussed.

Commissioner Prozan asked the general manager to make clear that in the staff report the Department made an offer of $1 million for the property and the offer was refused and now the offer was $1.8 million. General Manager Goldstein explained that Commissioner Prozan was correct.

Commission Martin asked staff to explain if the money used to acquire this property

could be used for other purposes for other parks. General Manager Goldstein explained that the money can be used for any capital purpose or purpose related that are legally concurrent with the Open Space Fund. She also explained that has always assumed that the Department would do land acquisition.

Commissioner Bonilla asked staff to explain how important it was at this point to involve PROSAC for input before the Commission makes a decision. Elizabeth Goldstein stated that it was extremely important but it is an advisory group to this Commission. Land acquisition have moved forward in both methodologies - some that came through PROSAC and others which have not. She stated that the

Board of Supervisors action would take place before PROSAC would have a chance to deliberate on this. So that the Board of Supervisors will have made a policy decision in advance of their opportunity.

Commissioner Prozan asked the general manager why the Department did not use this money to hire more gardeners to maintain the existing parks and to define capital funds, how they are used and how they can be transferred. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department is proposing to use money that has been set aside for land acquisition in the Open Space Fund and money that has been available to the Department from the Neighborhood Park Bond. Neighborhood Park Bond money cannot be used for anything but capital projects but it cannot be used for maintenance and operations. Open Space Funds can be used for maintenance and operations. However there are funds set-aside specifically for acquisition and these are the funds that the Department is proposing to use.

President Murray asked General Manger Goldstein to amplify on the meaning of capital such as on building physical buildings, acquiring land, and restoring existing facilities. General Manager Goldstein explained that capital was the physical assets of a duration that was usually in excess of thirty years.

President Murray commented about the challenge the Department had each month to look at a capital report where the Department is building out a four hundred million dollar plan and then to go through a budget year when were there needs to be eight million dollars cut out of the budget. The Park Bonds were successfully passed some years ago that gave RPD this capital which can then be leveraged with the State.

Commissioner Bonilla made a motion that the item be moved to a future date to allow more sunlight to be shed on this project. Commissioner Martin commented that he was in the same situation and did not have enough information and would like to have more time to review the proposal and the comments from people before taking any action on that today. Commissioner Chin stated that he was inclined to support this proposal based on the need in District 3. He asked if the Commission were to vote today if the Board of Supervisors would proceed with eminent domain hearing anyway. General Manager Goldstein stated that to the best of her knowledge that was the case.

Commissioner Chin requested clarification as to what the effect of a continuance would be on the Board of Supervisors. General Manager Goldstein explained that it would send a confused message since she had been before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of this Commission indicating that we were moving forward with this acquisition.

President Murray asked the Commission might enumerate the questions so that the general manager can pursue them if indeed this item was going to be considered in the future as opposed to now. The Commission requested the following specific

information: 1) recommendations from PROSAC, 2) the assessments that have been done relative to the need for open space, an expanded playground and housing, 3) a community meeting, 4) anticipated costs and duration of the project, 5) the demand for housing, and 6) accessible housing.

General Manager Goldstein explained the timeframe if the Department were to acquire this property. She spoke about: 1) the community process regarding specific design issues would probably take six months, 2) the design process, 3) the Commission approval on the conceptual design and 4) the project would be in construction probably a year to eighteen months after acquisition. She also explained that the duration of this project would depend on a whole series of other things that could get in the way including whether the owners sue the Department, but eighteen months would be a reasonable expectation.

Commissioner Bonilla asked the general manager if the Department was done negotiating or if there was still potential in the interim to negotiate. General Manager Goldstein explained that earlier this week the Department has repeated willingness to meet and negotiate.

Commissioner Bonilla asked the general manager if this item was continued would the Commission also entertain more negotiations during this period. General Manager Goldstein explained that in fact after the Board of Supervisors acts if they choose to do that RPD still has the possibility of negotiating sale.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0310-013

RESOLVED, This item be continued until the next Commission meeting in November and requested the following additional information from staff: 1) recommendations from PROSAC, 2) the assessments that have been done relative to the need for open space, an expanded playground and housing, 3) a community meeting, 4) anticipated costs and duration of the project, 5) the demand for housing, and 6) accessible housing.

Aye: Bonilla, Martin, Murray and Prozan
No: Chin

GOLDEN GATE PARK CONCOURSE AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan (Park Master Plan) was prepared by the Recreation and Park Department and adopted in 1998 as a comprehensive planning document for Golden Gate Park (Park). The Park Master Plan includes general objectives and polices for the Park, management strategies, specific objectives and policies related to the Park landscape, circulation, recreation facilities, visitor facilities, buildings and monuments, utilities and infrastructure, Park maintenance and operations and special area plans. Prior to taking action on any project or improvement within the Park, the Recreation and Park Commission must consider if such improvements are consistent with the adopted Park Master Plan.

The Recreation and Park Department staff have been working with Concourse Authority staff for approximately four (4) years to develop projects which are consistent with the requirements of Proposition J and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. This close collaboration has lead to this critical point in the life of the projects where together we can say we've succeeded. RPD staff, together with the Authority and their consultant has evaluated the proposed Golden Gate Park Concourse

Authority projects in relation to the major and relevant objectives included within the Park Master plan for the Recreation and Park Commission's consideration prior to approving the projects.

Golden Gate Park Concourse Projects:

The Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority was established in 1999 as a result of the passage in 1998 of the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act, or Proposition J.

Proposition J has two principal purposes: (1) create a pedestrian oasis in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park; and (2) take steps to reduce the impact of automobiles in the Park, while assuring long term safe, reliable and convenient access to the Golden Gate Park for all Park visitors.

The Authority is directed to accomplish three projects in furtherance of achieving Proposition J's principal purposes. (1) Design and construct an Underground Parking Facility; (2) Design and complete surface and landscape improvements to the Music Concourse area; and (3) Develop and implement a transportation and parking management plan for the Music Concourse area and the remainder of Golden Gate Park.

The Authority accomplishes its work under the auspices of the Recreation and Park Commission, within the context of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, which designates the Music Concourse as a special area.

The Underground Parking Facility, which is privately funded, is comprised of two, two-level subterranean structures of approximately 400 parking spaces apiece, including 32 ADA compliant handicap accessible spaces and 46 bicycle spaces. The Facility will be constructed beneath the existing roadways, parking areas and the forecourts of the de Young Museum and the California Academy of Sciences. The associated surface improvements represent the restoration of surface landscape areas that are impacted as a result of garage construction, and will be reconstructed to plans approved by the Recreation and Park Commission. The Recreation and Park Department's proposed enhancements to the surface restoration will be presented to the Commission for consideration separately.

The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) includes the Intra-Park Shuttle, which is just completing its third pilot year and carries an average daily ridership in excess of 1000 Park patrons; a Cultural Shuttle, which is in conceptual evaluation; MUNI improvements, which include an extensive co-marketing program to increase MUNI ridership to the Park; a traffic calming plan, which is initially focusing on shared roadway design for JFK Drive between Stanyan and Crossover Drive; bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and a parking management program for the Park, which includes a time-limited (3-4 hour) parking plan for the eastern portion of the Park.

Golden Gate Park Master Plan Consistency:

The mission and purpose of the Golden Gate Park is to provide the residents of San Francisco with respite from the urban environment. Most of the historic Park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape, defined by abundant evergreen woodland and has been managed to afford opportunities for all to experience beauty and tranquility, recreation, and relief from urban pressures. Objectives in the Master Plan relevant to the proposed Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects are evaluated by Royston, Hanamoto, Alley & Abbey (RHAA), consultants to the Concourse Authority. Their conclusion that the projects are consistent with the Master Plan is documented on the attached report titled "Consistency of the Proposed Golden Gate

Park Concourse Authority Projects with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan". The Recreation and Park department having reviewed the Master Plan and the RHAA report concurs with the report's conclusion.

Recommendation:

That the Recreation and Park Commission;
1. adopt environmental findings and findings that the project is consistent with Proposition J;
2. adopt findings that the project is consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan;
3. approve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects;
4. approve the execution and delivery of a ground lease between the City and Music Concourse Community Partnership relating to the Golden Gate Park Music Concourse underground parking facility project; and
5. recommend that the Board of Supervisors take actions related to the Concourse Authority projects.

Environmental Review:

The Concourse Authority's FEIR was certified by the Planning Commission on July 24th, 2003.

The Authority's EIR was appealed. The appeal was denied by the Board of Supervisors and the FEIR was affirmed at a public hearing on September 16th, 2003.

The GGPCA adopted a resolution on August 12th, 2003 which finds that the Concourse Authority projects are consistent with the GGP Master Plan and recommends to the RP Commission that it make the same findings.

The San Francisco Planning Commission adopted a motion on October 2nd, 2003 which finds that the Concourse Authority projects are in conformance with the San Francisco General Plan and Section 101.1 Priority Planning Policies.

Elizabeth Goldstein, General Manager along with Mike Ellzey, Michael Cohen, Mike Martin, Hazel Brand, John Malamut, Virignia dario Elizondo and Monique Moyer had the presentation.

She explained that the potential actions the Commission was being asked 1) the adoption of environmental findings and project consistency with Prop J, 2) to adopt findings of consistency with the Golden Gate master plan to approve the Concourse Authority projects themselves, 3) approve a ground lease with the Music Concourse Community Partnership and 4) recommend approval for all of these items to the Board of Supervisors. The items before you today are the result of literally thousands of hours of collaborative effort amongst the Recreation and Park Department, the Concourse Authority staff and board, the City Planning Department and Commission, the City Attorney's office and the Mayor's office of Public Finance and a team of very talented and tolerant consults led by Gordon [Chong] & Associates. What you will see today is the balancing of hundreds of factors and considerations to do an incredibly delicate thing. To insert a garage into one of the United States' most significant public landscapes a landscape that is a hundred thirty-three years old. The fact that his has been achieved with little ultimate disturbance to the surface of the Golden Gate Park and indeed a cluster of projects that have the potential to vastly improve the visitor experience of the music concourse and the Park as a whole is an impressive achievement. The park will end up with significantly more usable green space and the music concourse. A shuttle service that can take us from the rhetoric of should use

mass transportation or your bicycle or your feet to the likelihood of will use mass transportation, your bicycle or your feet. Know one is more acutely aware of the historic decisions that are before you today then I. Do I think every one of them is perfect? No I don't but I understand better then most what an extraordinary balancing act these are.

I am confident that John McClaren might shake his finger at me about this or that, but overall it is a compromise that is balanced and reasonable. There is much more work to be done to make all of the promise of this set of project to take them to fruition. I am sure that we have laid as good a framework as can be built to build that implementation upon. I hope that on reflection you will consider that we have done this as well. I'd like to introduce Michael Ellzey to begin to discuss the project with you this afternoon.

MICHAEL ELLZEY: Thank you Elizabeth. Mr. President, members of the Commission thank you for having me hear. With me I'm Mike Ellzey the Executive Director of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and to my right is Jeff Adams the project architect for Gordon H. Chong and Partners. I'd like to just take a quick moment to thank Elizabeth for her opening remarks because the substance of what Elizabeth has said is deep in my heart and now I don't have to take your time to articulate those feelings.

It's been a heck of a balancing act. The only thing I'd like to add to that to illustrate is that we have convened under Brown Act Rules and San Francisco Sunshine ordinance rules more then sixty public meetings on this project over the last several years. We've convened those as I said under the rules of the Brown Act and so they've been properly noticed and [agendaized] we've collected more then one thousand public comments on this project over the course of those several years. We have integrated many of those comments and ideas into making this a better project. So I am going to move very quickly through this. This presentation here focuses on the project component of which you are going to be looking at. Much of this presentation has been made before you as recently as one month ago. So I would like with your permission to move through this as quickly and as efficiently as possible and focus our time on Q & A.

Our basic project outcomes of this project are that we will be reclaiming up counting the institutions as many as six acres of parkland for the park. This particular project that you're considering today in and of itself will return three acres of parkland to the park. It significantly improves pedestrian environment. It does a balancing job but I think a great job of integrating the underground parking facility into the park setting by rendering the parking facility virtually invisible except for areas where it does touch the park. So our focus in our design integrations was on those areas where we actually met the surface and you'd see those a little bit later in the presentation.

We are going to reconstruct entirely two pedestrian tunnels on the eastern end of the facility so that they will be seismically safe and ADA compliant. We are going to be providing a park wide series of transportation and parking management improvements.

Proposition J has three specific projects associated with it. As you know it was passed by fifty-eight percent of the voters in 1998. It created a principle purpose, which was to create a pedestrian oasis, and its second principle purpose was to reduce the impact of automobiles while assuring safe reliable convenient access for all park visitors. It's got three very specific projects. However one of those is to design and construct an underground parking facility in the music concourse area of Golden Gate Park. That needs to be underground. It needs to have between eight hundred and one thousand parking spaces. It needs to have an entrance originated from outside the

park and that entrance needs to be dedicated to the garage. We've accomplished that. We're also tasked with designing and completing landscape and surface improvements to the music concourse area and we're working very closely with the Recreation and Park Department through Doug Nelson and staff on that plan and that project. We are also designing and implementing traffic and parking plan for the entire park as well as the music concourse area.

Very briefly I think we all know but for the community's benefit this is the project area within Golden Gate Park and how it's contiguous surroundings represented by the Richmond District, the Sunset District on the south and the Haight on the east.

The existing condition site plan, which would be the next picture here, will illustrate what the existing plan looks like. Then with a green overlay which represents the area in all of the concourse area that will be returned from hardscape of some sort or building to softscape or parkland.

This next is an aerial view of the music concourse area, the improved concourse area and you can see one of the more notable things there is the removal of all of the parking. The narrowing of the streets, the reforestation if you will of trees that are missing inside the concourse bowl. We're working on all of these items very, very closely and carefully with the Recreation and Park Department and the institutions both the Academy of Sciences on the south and the [unintelligible] on the north.

You also see to the western side behind the band shell is the significantly improved area and you've got the footprint at least for the two new buildings.

The existing conditions out at the concourse area are somewhat deplorable in my view. We've got wide roadways. We've got minimal bike lanes. We've got a lot of surface parking and we have a series of unsafe pedestrian crossings. Our projects will address each and every one of those in very specific and programmatic form.

Here is an example...over the next several slides how our project touches the park and it's those areas where we've worked very closely with our stakeholders with Gordon Chong the architects to develop a design that best fits in and integrates into the park land. This is the 10th Avenue at Fulton. This is the existing view where we're actually developing the primary entrance; dedicated entrance originating from outside the park which is at Folsom. It will go beneath JFK and enter into the deYoung side of the two pod-parking garage.

The next picture will show the proposed view. This is the garage entrance that's been designed. We've worked very closely with the North Park neighbors and we've actually taken many of their design comments into play and have integrated those into a new and better design. This view will change a little bit slightly even more in that it will now integrate pedestrian and bicycle accommodations into the park on both sides of the street.

The next view is the second entrance in the garage, which is just to the west of the California Academy of Science. Here if you look at this you can see quite a few cars parked along Music Concourse Drive both on the south side and then on the north side of Music Concourse Drive. You see the entire parking lot in there, which actually provides not only for two areas of parking but actually a two way street in front of the Academy. So all of the cars that you see here parked cars will be removed as a part of the new project and we will develop an entrance and integrate that entrance into the park, as you'll see in the next slide.

On the next slide you see one of the two main pedestrian entrances. This one here is

on the Academy side as you can see the Academy building in the background. This is the existing view in the next slide is how this has been designed again to integrate into the [unintelligible] to preserve the main stairway and to provide for a safe and generous pedestrian access into the garage facility.

The eastern pedestrian tunnels as you can see they will be reconstructed in place. They'll comply with current codes. They'll be seismically safe and they will be disabled accessible.

The southwest pedestrian tunnel portals will be preserved and we will also preserve the pedestrian pathway from the music concourse area through to the Shakespeare garden side as a pathway through the facility. We've gone to extreme lengths to develop the pedestrian tunnel entry and the entrance itself and the pathways so that it's safe, well lit and well signed.

We've been working with...will continue to work with the Recreation and Park Department and an arborist on a tree removal relocation and replanting program. We've agreed with the planning to department under condition of our general plan conformity that we will undertake a reforestation plan that will reforest the park to the equal or greater number of trees that are impacted or removed as a part of the project.

The transportation improvement plan has a series of nine different components all intended to improve or enhance transportation, enhance pedestrian safety, enhance bicycle accommodations to reduce the conflicts between pedestrians and bicycles and vehicles. So you see we've got an underground parking facility which we've spoken about.

We've got the music concourse improvements, which we've spoken about which will carry with them tremendous pedestrian safety enhancements as well as bicycle accommodations.

Going one through seven very quickly we've got an inter-park shuttle. Last weekend carried more then two thousand-park visitor's patrons per day but for the life of the project this season in our third pilot season we average more then one thousand park patrons on the inter-park shuttle per day. We started out in our first pilot year three years ago carrying about two hundred fifty park patrons per day. So we've enhanced the project and the program is becoming a tremendous resources for park patrons.

A cultural shuttle is something we're going to take a greater look at this year in our planning efforts. That would be an opportunity to connect to the park with a series of attractions and transit hubs throughout the downtown.

We're working with MUNI on co-marketing efforts to enhance a ridership to the park. We are also going to continue to work with MUNI on other forms of service enhancements as well as just increased ridership and use of MUNI to Golden Gate Park where they can connect with our shuttle and actually without any cold starts whatsoever enjoy a fine day in Golden Gate Park.

Traffic [calming] program we've reviewed that with this Commission on a couple of occasions but that area is being focused on right now is JFK Drive between Crossover and Stanyan. We will be back in front of this Commission on more then one occasion to as we move through conceptual designs schematic design and design development on that project.

Road closures would be road closures consistent with the master plan we defer in large part to the Rec Park Commission on which ones of those should and will be

pursued.

Bicycle and pedestrian improvements we've made many. We just...though we're not looking today for approval of a bicycle plan we will be advancing a bicycle to you over the next couple of months. Just this passed week the Concourse Authority approved the final bicycle implementation plan that included with it the bicycle improvement study that was funded by the Authority and produced by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. So we're very excited about that. We have some priority implementation steps that we're going to begin reviewing with the Recreation and Park staff and actually begin to develop an implementation plan.

Our parking management plan we've picked up where you left off with the regrettable failure of the paid parking program that did not go through. That parking program will be resurrected in terms of parking limitations, time limitations three and four hour limited but of course will not be a paid program, but there will be enforcement that's been arranged with DPT. So that parking management program will be implemented by the end of this year. We expect that [finds and forfeitures] will yield some source of funds for the department.

The Golden Gate Park free shuttle I don't need to go into that anymore we've spoken about that.

The pedestrian improvements are illustrated on this next slide represent a tremendous level of increased and enhanced safety in the concourse bowl. So many improvements we're very proud of those and really do look forward to a much better concourse area once those are implemented.

The bicycle improvements we've mentioned previously. Again these include bicycle storage and bicycle access through the concourse to the concourse and that is an integral part of the bicycle plan that was just approved.

I can take questions on the project itself. In the interest of time I could also move directly into the lease and financing discussing if that would please the President and the Commission.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I know we have several things to approve. The ground lease is the second to the last item so I would ask Commissioners if they have questions about any of items 1, 2 or 3 before we go to the ground lease where I do have comments. So questions anyone. No okay then let's move to the ground lease.

MICHAEL ELLZEY: Let's move to the ground lease. I'd like to make a statement for the record and then I'll turn this into the Commission Secretary for her records.

This is a statement in support of the approval of the ground lease and findings of consistency with Proposition J. Proposition J called the creation of a pedestrian oasis in the music concourse and the reduction of the impact of automobiles while providing safe, reliable and convenient access for visitors to the park including it's cultural institutions. Proposition J assigned to the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority the duty to provide for the construction of an underground parking facility in the concourse area to facilitate these objectives. Today you are being asked to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a ground lease that will facilitate these goals of Proposition J.

The lease was carefully structured to simultaneously accommodate the interest of the voters who approved Proposition J. The interest of the visitors to and users of the park, the needs of the cultural institutions in the park, the financial requirements of

the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and finally the economic realities faced by the Music Concourse Community Partnership MCCP which is our private partner on this deal. Balancing all of these needs and interests has not been easy as Elizabeth alluded to earlier. But this ground lease accomplishes the task and by doing so puts us on the path of realizing the dream of a world class pedestrian friendly music concourse. The proposed ground lease exists because Proposition J requires that the underground parking facility be constructed with private funds. By leasing the underground portion of the concourse where the parking facility will be located to the MCCP the MCCP may seek the financing that is required for the project to proceed.

Under the lease the City always will retain ownership of the land and MCCP owns the garage only until the financing is repaid. As is required by Proposition J any net revenues of the Authority will be used for the operations maintenance improvement or enhancement of Golden Gate Park.

In the proposed lease and private financing plan this is precisely what will occur. Rent and surplus revenue paid to the Authority under the lease will be used as required by Proposition J. The rent and surplus payments made by MCCP to the Authority under the least projected to be more then twenty-five million dollars over the thirty year life of the lease will be funds that support the Authority's programs.

Let me outline the payments that will be made and a couple that are projected to be made by MCCP to the Authority during the term of this lease.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Michael are those the same that are in the presentation that was delivered to us that we have the Power Point spiral bound.

MICHAEL ELLZEY: I believe that the numbers that I am referring to here are numbers that are in the presentation that you've seen.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I think we're going end up going through them as we go through the lease so it might save you a little bit of time now.

MICHAEL ELLZEY: Okay then let me skip down here. I won't go through those numbers then. So in short this lease is at the heart of a private philanthropic and financing plan that is designed to maximize the revenues available to the Authority to fund its projects and provide for the maintenance and enhancement of Golden Gate Park. This is only...this is a relatively brief remark so I won't go on too long.

One of those...there are several different control points over the garage operations by the Authority, by Recreation and Parks Commission, by the Board of Supervisors. One of those control points is parking rates. Both initial and future parking rates will be approved by the Board of Supervisors as is common in other parking garage leases to which the City is a party. In this lease the Board of Supervisors agrees to raise rates if needed to support the cash flow requirements of the private financing plan. The proposed parking rates not only provide the cash flow the benefits to the park but the proposed initial rates would be below commercial parking rates. Furthermore plans have been made to provide one free day of parking per month to residents of San Francisco to coincide with the free day at the de Young Museum and the California Academy of Science. I'm going to pick up the speed here. The Authority and city departments will have complete approval over the annual parking operations budget which will be prepared and submitted by MCCP five months before the beginning of each year. The Authority and city departments will also have significant rights to direct MCCP's action under the private financing plan. It's also important to note that all parking revenues and MCCP contributions will be routinely deposited with an independent trustee which functions like an escrow as required under the private financing plan. This trustee will insure that operations and maintenance expenses are

paid according to the approved budget. That debt service is paid. That reserves are funded and used according to the requirement to the lease. That surplus revenues are paid to the City in a timely fashion. This provides the City with a high degree of certainty that approved budgets are follow and project financial resources are properly maintained. MCCP also has an obligation under the lease to provide monthly and annual finance reports to appropriate city departments.

Finally the Authority and Recreation and Parks Commission will also have the right to terminate the lease at any time that MCCP has the unrestricted net assets to eliminate all outstanding debt obligations. When this lease is terminated whether early or at the end of the full term MCCP will transfer to the City without cost ownership of the garage and MCCP's remaining funds. In this respect this project is significantly different then any other project private developments that the City participates in.

In conclusion this lease facilitates the development of revenues to the City which will be important to the maintenance and enhancement of Golden Gate Park. MCCP will take all the risks and liabilities associated with the financing, designing, constructing and operation of the underground parking facility until the facility can be conveyed to the City without cost.

A viable private financing plan's been built around this lease and project provides revenue to the City. [It] protects the City from risk, complies with Proposition J and keeps parking rates below commercial rates. This speaks to the dedication, objectivity and hard work of a group of people focused on delivering the commitment of Proposition J to the people of San Francisco.

MICHAEL ELLZEY: Thank you for bearing with me on that. This is for the record.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: You want to give that to Margaret. Michael can I ask you to join us and help us out for a second? I want to thank Michael for coming in. He has both an illness and a pregnant wife. So this is clearly above and beyond the call. I just have a specific question I want to address to you. There has been and as you read through this thick stack of documents might on your own conclude that there would be questions about how the parking revenues are applied here and that those are private revenues. I thought maybe you could address that for the group in the furtherance of our understanding of the deal.

MICHAEL COHEN: Appreciate that Commissioners, Deputy, City Attorney Michael Cohen. We've looked closely at this question because it's come up in a number of contexts and our analysis is that at its core Prop J requires that the garage be built with private funds. So the real key analysis are the garage revenues private funds or public funds. If you'll bear with me the easiest way for me to explain this is with reference to another project we recently had a ground breaking for the Mission Stuart Hotel project which was some MUNI land built on a ground lease. There as is the case here the City ground leased the dirt but a private entity, they're a private developer here a non-profit put up the equity cash and then got a loan based on projected revenues from the hotel. That project was unquestionably deemed a project that was one hundred percent privately financed. When someone goes to the hotel and pays two hundred dollars for a room those aren't public dollars. They don't become public dollars until under the lease that we negotiated the funds flow out back to the City. So at it's core the garage and the garage revenues wouldn't exist but for the charitable contributions which have made this project possible and therefore we believe that these are private funds and not public funds.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: That therefore allows us to do a financing and still comply with Prop J.

MICHAEL COHEN: Absolutely.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Is what you were going to say.

MICHAEL COHEN: Absolutely thank you for making that connection for me.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So what I'd like to do is bring to the attention my fellow Commissioners one more thing. Can we put this slide up and I'm going to ask our folks from the concourse to confirm that that is in fact the correct flow of funds for the concourse. I asked this to be prepared because it is necessary to understand this I think in order to understand further comments and the substance of this transaction. I bring it to the attention of my fellow Commissioners.

If you look at this chart what you'll see if that you have revenues going into trustee and then you have a number of uses of those revenues over time. Down at the bottom you have a bucket called surplus. You also have some revenue scooting out the side. So the parking taxes for example are not effectively part of this deal. We collect them and transmit them to the City just like you would collect sales tax if you were a retail establishment. There is in the operations and maintenance fund a rent payment that comes out which is up earlier in the cash flow. However as we talk about the benefits to the department and the City in large measure those benefits come out of the surplus and come at the end of the transaction. What I wanted to bring to your attention was that they are subject to the proper operation of the facility and to a number of other claims on the cash flow from building this garage. Because of that the department and the City have an interest in the operations and in the allocation of revenues over time. As we go through this transaction I'm going to be raising points around that and I wanted you to understand why that's relevant. Because any dollar that gets spent, earlier up the food chain does not make it to the City. So I requested this to be done by our Public Finance Department and if there's any comments on it other then to confirm that this is the flow of funds that is in the lease this would be a welcomed time to hear that. Hearing none. Greg does that look good to you? Generally speaking I'm sure there are details omitted.

GREG COLLEY: Yeah I'm Greg Colley, Chief Financial Officer of Music Concourse Community Partnership and yeah I have looked at this diagram and it does reflect the flow of funds that is in the lease.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Having said that we got this lovely reading of a ground lease, which I'm sure you've all, committed to memory. Greg you may want to join us back because we've got some comments. So you need a copy of it I would suggest. We'll get there. First thing as a general comment and it's really not any substantive change but as you go through the document there are bracketed comments. Some of those reflect the fact that it's not final information and probably will be subject to change as a result of your interaction with the bond insurer or other parties after our approval.

GREG COLLEY: That's correct.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: There are also things that are also bracketed that I wanted to make sure are not subject to change. So I bring your attention to section 8.3 on page 30 where it says bracketed that you get the prior written consent of the executive director and the general manager. I'm presuming that would not be subject to change.

GREG COLLEY: No.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So we've got that language in a bunch of places it's all bracketed. I would just like to confirm the record that that's language that's going to stay in because that goes to our ability to be involved in the project.

GREGG COLLIE: Yes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay great. Yes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: That was page 30 in section 8.3 in the middle of the paragraph at the third sentence. It has to do with advertising and signs and it goes to the department's ability to control what advertising is used in and around the project.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Maybe it would be helpful just for the rest of the Commission to step back for just a second.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Sure.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: And talk to the approval path. So throughout this document there are a series of expectations that there may be changes that need to take place that MCCP might come forward that the garage operator might come forward that seismic events or other things might necessitate other decision making. So throughout this document Mike Ellzey and I with the consent of MCCP have determined the decision path so its clear to MCCP who holds the authority to consent to a change that might need to be made.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: This is just one example of probably three dozen of these places in the document.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: That's right.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: And because Mike and I have been going back and forth about that decision path they were put in, in the last round of this document just in parens so that we could approve them but we have at this point consented to all of them. So just as you go through that you need to be paying attention to whether or not you they they're the appropriate approval path. Because we've made an assumption to try and keep the decisions that come to you as a policy making body policy making decisions.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: And to try and keep easy for MCCP things that can be made at a staff level. So for instance this decision the assumption is that these decisions can be made at a staff level rather then coming to the level of the Commission so I just.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right and they are effectively a private operator of a private facility and it is through the mechanism of the lease that we have any say and that's how it's operated. So that's why we need to carefully review and make sure we're comfortable with those decisions that we are delegating in effect through the lease and those that we retain to make as a Commission and as Commission staff. So okay. If you jump to page 38. Oh I'm sorry yes. Commissioner Bonilla I apologize.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Could we have a flow chart that clearly designates what the

responsibilities are of each of the partners in the relationship and that kind of?

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Outlines who does what.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Outlines who does what and kind of a flow pattern on how things get...how the decisions get made to because I know that a lot of these.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: It's spread throughout the entire document.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: So it makes it difficult to really at a glance see how it all works. So it's going forward.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Perhaps while we are here.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: If we could get something like that it would be really terrific.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I bet while we're discussing the rest of this someone who is familiar with the document might be able to pull out a few items. What do you think?

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: You mean put it to.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: It's a challenge that's not a simple request. We probably have another twenty minutes so if someone can take notes from the document we'll come back to it at the end. Any volunteers.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: You want to.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Well I mean you could speak well actually this whole lease agreement already speaks to it but what would be helpful is if you could just one page just give a visual representation of how that who does what and how the decisions get made. I know it's difficult.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I can take a general shot at it.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So I mean we are not proposing to be operators of a garage. What we're looking to do is to have input in the construction design phase to make sure it's appropriate and consistent with all the things we do as park managers in the park facilities as they're designed designated in the document. Secondarily that as future operations go forward that those major decisions that have the potential to impact both the viability of the facility which we will ultimately receive at the end of the lease as well as things like signage. We have some opportunity to have a say in and thirdly as they look at material changes to the way that the underlying financings are done that if those occur we'd have some say in those. There are a bunch of other ones and I'm sure I've missed them but Greg maybe you can help out.

GREG COLLEY: I think the budget process.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Budget process that's an excellent one.

GREG COLLEY: If there is one process that I think would illustrate best what you're asking about I think the budget process is probably, aside from the financings.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Sure.

GREG COLLEY: Is probably a good one and I think if we focus on that one I think the flavor of the approval process will be.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Of the budget.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

GREG COLLEY: As opposed to try to identify all of them.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Annual budget yeah.

GREG COLLEY: No I'm only referring to what we would call the annual parking budget.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Which is in section.

GREG COLLEY: Section 12.3.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I passed it already.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Can I just add something here? I think there's sort of major categories of decision making here.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Yes right.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: So there's decisions over capital changes to the facility.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: During construction and after construction and some of those decisions are small decisions and some of them are large decisions. There are decisions over financing both the initial financing which is being done through this document and then subject changes to financing as well as the ultimate decision about whether or not to terminate the lease. So there's that set of decisions and then lastly there's a set of decisions around budget which relate as Greg was indicating to the flow of funds around the operating of the parking garage on an annual basis, which effects how much money is flowing through that chart that John just showed you. So that's the reason budget control is so important. So essentially the rule of thumb is that financing decisions are to be approved by Monique or whoever is in her position with some engagement on my part and Mike Ellzey's part.

Capital changes are by and large Mike Ellzey's decisions if they're small. If they're larger then I am engaged in them and if they rise to the level of a policy decision then they go to his Board and then ultimately to this Commission.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Is it in the work letter or is it?

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: It's in the work letter. The vast majority of the capital changes are in the work letter and so there are things that sort of rise to a material level. So it's really about the scale of the project itself. Then the budget which Greg I think was just going to walk you through how that was going to work. I think those are the major categories. Are there any other categories that I've left out? Okay in the work letter.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: So I could I reiterate that I mean this has been really

helpful. So you just put these major categories and then put the names of who does what relative to the degree of the involvement I think that would be really helpful going through this whole process in the future. I mean now and in the future.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So do you want to see if you can draw up a table while we work on some of these other matters?

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Sure.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: That would be just great for everybody I would think.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yeah I think yeah so I'm just looking to parallelize it instead of serializes it.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Thank you Elizabeth and you know we appreciate that this is a real time effort. See if I lost track of where I was. I'm actually going to go back one page and ask a question over to thirty-five excuse me. Yes.

FSPKR: On capital questions and what's material.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yes.

FSKPR: That's defined on the work letter on page 3.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: That's doing the table.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: It's Exhibit H.

FSPKR: So if you want to look at some of the bigger items but this is what's meant by the material changes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: In 10.1 b it talks about further modifications to the design. I was just wondering and that may be in the work letter also if there is some distinction as to what level of change rises to where we would see it back at the Authority and then subsequently at the Commission. That may not be you Greg if someone else is more appropriate to answer that that's okay.

GREG COLLEY: Yeah to be honest with you I can't answer that off the top of my head. I think Mike Martin who just walked out might actually.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay why don't we skip over that one. On page 38 in the PML reserve account in this chart you see there's a probable, maximal loss reserve it's the last box. They accumulate a fairly substantial amount of money there to protect against failures of the facility. It's essentially a self-insurance fund is that fair?

GREG COLLEY: Yes seismic event something of that nature yeah.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: In the authorization chain here it says the executive director in consultation with the general manager and I'd like to apply a dollar threshold to that so that if it's beyond a dollar amount say half a million dollars that it will have the approval of the general manager. I think we don't want to interfere with the day to day running of the facility but in the event that we are spending substantial amounts out of that fund the general manager ought to be able to collaborate with Authority as opposed to consultation.

GREG COLLEY: I think that's consistent with the intent of the paragraph.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay so if we can make that change that would be great. If it's over a half a million-dollar expenditure out of the PML reserve.On page 39, paragraph a about four or five from the bottom it talks about the MCCP budget. I just had a point of clarification. The MCCP budget will not come from pledges or earnings on pledges right. It will be separately raised by MCCP to fund it's own expenses. The pledges are going to the garage and construction thereof and the holding of it for [unintelligible].

GREG COLLEY: The pledges are by and large not restricted to construction. They are available for the general purposes of MCCP.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right I'm asking what the intent was of this language. [Would] it be?

GREG COLLEY: The intent of this language is really simply to indicate that MCCP's administrative budget will be submitted, as an information item but not an approval item.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

GREG COLLEY: To the approving.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yes.

GREG COLLEY: Bodies in this process.

MSPRK: I followed that and I guess in that case I was looking to make sure that it wouldn't be a eroding the pledges which were for the project. So if we don't have authority over this budget I was trying to understand where is it anticipated that those monies would come from to fund MCCP.

GREG COLLEY: They would...those earning would come from the revenue stream produced by the pledges.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So the earnings on the pledges are intended to be the source of the revenues for the MCCP budget?

GREG COLLEY: Yes. I mean MCCP is a separate legal entity with its own corporate governance and other activities that would come under the heading of [that] corporate governance. There has to be a source of revenue to pay for that. MCCP has only one source of revenue and that is the pledges.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: That's why I was asking the question because those pledges to the extent that they are unexpended do go to the City at the end of this process.

GREG COLLEY: That's correct.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So that's to the extent they're being expended along the way then we have no approval process for that budget there's a potential loss of revenue to the City.

GREG COLLEY: I mean the correct answer is yes. This is an item that MCCP needs to be able to retain control of because it does have a fiduciary obligation to the donors

of those funds to handle them consistent with the mission. That's why in fact this section is written exactly [as it is]. I was just trying to get clarification. Section 12.5 what I would like to do it proposes a change there. If you can just record this Virginia so we can come back to it later. I propose that that be done by a group of three people the general manager, the public finance record for the City and the head of the Authority. I think it's important that those professionals be responsive to the City and consider the City's interest as we look at future transactions and that would be one way to insure that that occurs.

GREG COLLEY: I can't give you an immediate answer on that one but let me just make sure I understand. Which section of 12.5 are you referring?

MSPRK: The selection of professionals. The selection or engagement.

GREG COLLEY: The selection of professionals.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: The selection and engagement of financial professionals. In the absence of that I think there's no reason for them to be overly responsive to the City if they're not engaged by the City and so I'd like to see that that happens.

GREG COLLEY: Well I think we'd have to make sure we're talking about the same thing because in this circumstance I think we're talking about professionals who would be engaged and paid by MCCP. I mean I understand your point but I just want to make sure I'm understanding [unintelligible].

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right but this goes back to the point about the MCCP budget. To the extent we're paying professionals those are dollars that don't come through to the City. It has nothing to do with the actual amounts of the fees. It has to do with who selected, the process for selecting, making sure we have the appropriate professionals and that we're taking the best advantage of the City's resources.

GREG COLLEY: Right.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: In considering future transactions.

GREG COLLEY: Yeah I understand. I think that's consistent with the intent of the paragraph.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay so Virginia if you can get that. Great. Thanks. Going onto Section 17 maybe we'll take the easy one first. 17.1 a sub item 4 we talked about such action will achieve net debt service savings on a present value basis but it's not a defined term. I understand we have a defined term available to us in where is it in the City's Admin Code. So I'd like to make reference to that so that we have an actual test that can be followed.

GREG COLLEY: What is the defined term?

MONIQUE MOYER: I'm Monique Moyer, Director of Public Finance. In the City's Administrative Code it outlines a net present value savings test as the mechanism for a refinancing the purpose of it. In the City's Administrative Code is to be able to do a refinancing without a vote of the people. In the instance in which we are referring to the net of the savings of the new debt present value back to the day in which you're looking at it must be...the savings must be greater therefore the new debt service must be less then the old savings. So it doesn't specify a target amount. That's done by the Board of Supervisors.

GREG COLLEY: Yeah sure.

MONIQUE MOYER: At the time that they approve but the definition of what net present value savings is in the City Administrative Code. It's also in Barron's. There are any number of places.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Is there in the City Administrative Code a methodology for doing that in a variable rate deal?

MONIQUE MOYER: Reformed investment bankers really bother me. I'm just kidding. No there's not. In fact the charter until 1995 didn't even contemplate the ability to have variable rate. That the net present value savings test was moved from the charter to the City's Administrative Code and the new charter did not contemplate that event. It's specifically in the Administrative Code so that in the event that you are refinancing from a variable rate to a fixed rate as opposed to simply changing mode. It can be done but with the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

COMMISSIONER : Do we need a carve out for that?

MONIQUE MOYER: We probably do.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay and you and Virginia will take care of that one.

MONIQUE MOYER: Sure.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Great and you have a series of tests here under which you are able to do a refinancing without the approval well without any approvals essentially and I just have a couple of questions. The reading of it implies it's all of the conditions one through four. I want to confirm that that is the intent of this paragraph because it doesn't say that.

GREG COLLEY: That's my reading.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay so can we add where it says tenant shall not be required to obtain approval by the City for refunding or refinancing of the bonds but only under all of the following conditions.

GREG COLLEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay great. In the second to the last line of that same paragraph it says or which are not rated by any nationally recognized security rating agency can that be investment grade, rated investment grade so that we're not issuing non-investment grade debt without approval.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Dick is nodding yes behind you.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: The last thing on this one is 2 basically says if you are losing money...if the sum of the money coming in is less then the sum of money going out that would be one of the reasons for you to refinance. If we change this to all I don't know if you want that that way any longer.

GREG COLLEY: I think you're correct but I would have to spend to look at it to see how it would be attached to it.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Or put it to the end and make it an or because I think otherwise you won't ever be able to do it.

GREG COLLEY: Yes correct.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Which isn't the intent at all. In 26.2 we talk about those matters that the general manager can refer to the Commission for review on page 59 and I wanted to make a slight amendment to that because there are times at which we don't meet within thirty-five days. So what I'd like to do is the lesser of thirty-five days or the next schedule meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission, which I think, is a [unintelligible] change.

GREG COLLEY: I agree.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay great. Any other questions on the ground lease guys? No. Do you feel you're going to be able to have language for this and should we try to come back to that and you have a table also to come back to?

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Let me speak to the issue about whether I can give you and approvals. I have twenty-five references already to approval structure here and I don't think that I can frankly give you a comprehensive list quickly. So I think what I can do is for the next commission meeting we can speak to these general areas. That I can give you an approval path on now. Then what I could do working with the City Attorney's office is build you a chart so that shows that progression so that you have something that's kind of an easy working document for future decisions. Would that be?

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: That would be great wonderful.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Monique, I actually need help with this. I'm going to need a second.

MONIQUE MOYER: Do you want me to walk through that?

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yeah I have a question yeah that would be great. Sorry I apologize for the delay. Oh that's great let's do it.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: That would be terrific.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: What Monique did us the favor of was going through with regard to financing and identify who makes which decisions and there were some things there that actually I hadn't noticed in my reading of it so.

MONIQUE MOYER: Yeah okay this is from my memory so there are probably some things that I've forgotten. The decision to issue data in the first place is the sole decision of MCCP. The decision as to how the data's structured meaning whether it's in variable rate or fixed rate rather it's thirty years or something less or something more is MCCP's decision but with approval oversight by the Director of Public Finance. The decision on the debt professionals is currently MCCP's sole discretion but the proposal from the President is that the City would have approval rights. The timing of the debt issuance meaning whether it's.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Monique I'm sorry, would be involved in the selection not have approval rights.

MONIQUE MOYER: Okay selection.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Different.

MONIQUE MOYER: Yes it's vastly different. The timing of the debt issuance so whether that's immediately upon the lease being valid and existing or whether that's next summer is solely at the discretion of MCCP.

Credit enhancement is at the discretion of MCCP but obviously a bond insurer would have to agree to do that. So there is an application in to MBIA, which is a bond insurer insurance company that would insure principal and interest payments to investors. But they have the discretion as to whether they'll provide that insurance.

The investment of the bond proceeds and the investment of the pledge fund monies are at the discretion of MCCP. The credit enhancer and the bond market will require that those investments meet a list of permitted investments so they cannot be speculative. Then have further required that if any of those investments are unrated that they would have to have the approval of the Director of Public Finance. So that would capture guaranteed investment contracts.

The use of hedge products so if they issue variable rates [unintelligible] and then they buy product so that their interest rate never goes above X is something that's in their discretion. But we would have approval rights and also if they don't want to do it and we think it's necessary to constrain the debt going up we can enforce that under the lease.

The decision to change modes that would be to go from variable rate to fixed rate or fixed rate to variable rate is in their discretion. But if they aren't doing it and we think it's necessary we have the ability to ask to have them do that.

The decision to refinance you've talked about already. To the extent there are clear benefits i.e. savings then they have the discretion to do that, but it would have to meet all those tests that we just ran through. Then the City can direct them to refinance under some certain situations.

There's a provision in the lease that says when the total assets of MCCP equal the total liabilities i.e. the amount of debt outstanding then for all intends and purposes the lease goes away. They have no obligation to pay off their debt but our lease is no longer outstanding.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Monique that would have to happen at the same time though if it was credit enhanced wouldn't it?

MONIQUE MOYER: The credit enhancer will probably require that but we are not requiring that, but they will have...over time...they will initially on the...as proposed when they issue their debt they will have fewer assets then the amount of bonds outstanding, significantly fewer. Over time their revenues will be captured in reserves and otherwise that will count as assets for purposes of meeting this test.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Monique I'm sorry I have one more question.

MONIQUE MOYER: Sure.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: If the lease went away they'd have no ability to operate the garage at all. So I mean as a practical matter it can't be the case that.

MONIQUE MOYER: Well I mean theoretically you could be legally [unintelligible] and the lease could go away. So the bonds could still be outstanding because there's call protection but they're legally [unintelligible].

MSPRK: Right but their ability to operate the garage.

MONIQUE MOYER: Once the lease goes away they cannot operate the garage.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right okay so you'd escrow the bonds and then give them back to the City and we'd run it and that would be that.

GREG COLLEY: I would just point out that the right that the City has is to terminate the lease and to use a technical term if we are at point where MCCP can [unintelligible] the debt. So it doesn't require defeasance. It doesn't in point of fact the lease can be terminated, but you're right as a practical matter that would be the effect.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Okay thank you.

MONIQUE MOYER: So off the top can you think of anything I left out on the financing as decision?

PRESIDENT MURRAY: There's only one minor point and that is to the extent that this is a right that the City has to direct the actions of MCCP to the extent that MCCP has assets in excess of a hundred forty percent of our coverage ratio requirements the City can direct MCCP to either use those excess assets to pay down debt or to make a contribution into the indenture.

MONIQUE MOYER: And I apologize if it wasn't yellow paper it would probably read better.

This budget process follows the same budget process that the City has with all of its other garages. As you may know the City contracts with other non-profits who actually issue debt to build garages and we have many of these same mechanism in place. So there would be an annual budget process beginning with the very first year of operation. That process MCCP will propose the budget that will be an estimation of revenues and expenses and the Executive Director of the Authority the Concourse Board and the general manager of Recreation and Park will approve that budget in consultation with the Controller. In all of our other garages it's actually the Controller who approves that budget. Because of Prop J we need to also include the Authority and the general manager. So we just limited the Controller's role to in consultation.

That budget as I said will itemize all expenses including any anticipated expenses out of the repair and replacement fund and any large capital expenses. It will not anticipate any extraordinary expenses which would be paid out of the probable maximum loss reserve because that would be some sort of catastrophe like an earthquake which we would have no advance warning of and therefore couldn't budget around.

The probable maximum loss reserve - the purpose of that is to ensure uninsurable calamities such as earthquake.

Again on the revenue side it would anticipate all revenues from the parking garages, making assumptions about the amount of demand and also anticipate interest earnings on the various funds and many of the [tests] that we've alluded to about extra money that MCCP might put into the indenture that would therefore flow

through the flow of funds.

The City much as it has with all of its other garages has a rate covenant obligation. Meaning that if MCCP approaches the City about raising the parking rates at the garage if it is proved necessary by MCCP to raise those rates in order to run the garage and/or pay debt service. Then the City is obligated to do so, but we do so under our standard process. So when in this case MCCP would propose a rate increase based on a formula [unintelligible]. They would submit that to the general manager. The general manager would submit that to the Board of Supervisors. It would be an ordinance as ordained by the Charter and it would go through the normal process. Once approved and signed by the Mayor it would be subject to a thirty day appeal just like all of our other garage rate increase ordinances.

The credit markets will require that there by one dollar ten cents of revenues for every dollar of expense.

MICHAEL MARTIN: Good evening Commissioners Mike Martin Deputy City Attorney. I just want to clarify one thing from Monique's schematic here. The Executive Director and the general manager receive the initial submission of the budget from MCCP and they have the option of either approving or rejecting that budget or else they can also forward the budget to the full Concourse Authority Board for there review. Then this body would have a chance to review that Board's action under Prop J.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: So if it get to the level of the Concourse Board we would automatically get it is that what you're saying?

MICHAEL MARTIN: That's correct. This body has the power to review the Concourse Authority Board's actions.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: I just want to make one more statement, which is in front of you for your review is the ground lease. There is hundreds and hundreds of pages of bond documents, which you are not reviewing. This is not our financing. We don't want you for securities law reasons to even think about whether you want to [appine] on that. But in those agreements there are other constraints on MCCP imposed by rating agencies and imposed by the bond issuers. It ends up that those constraints are to our benefit as well. So while this is the list of things that we have direct control of there are other professionals who will be looking at things not on our behalf but with sort of the same interests that we would have.

MONIQUE MOYER: We haven't learned how to do executive summaries yet in the staff but...and I know you've had several hearings and I haven't been able to be at any but if there's other questions you have about how the bonds will be issued or anything I'm happy to answer your questions.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: That was very helpful.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Actually I have one more question after everyone else is done. Would you like to go Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: I was going to go onto capital but why don't you.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: The capital approval process.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Why don't you do it.

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN: So essential what's going to happen is the Concourse Authority has approved a project you're approving a project today. Working drawings will be developed based on that conceptual approval. Then there are provisions if there are changes in the construction documents that are what are considered material and on page 3 of the work letter which is behind tab H in your books are all the things that are deemed to be material. So any changes in the bulk or height or any structural changes of the initial improvements a material alteration of the exterior architectural design and any initial improvements. A material increase in the floor or roof load of the improvements on the premise a decrease of more then five percent in the number of parking spaces etc. etc. A material change in the exterior design, colors and materials, and the construction or construction of buildings or surface or subsurface structures other then are described in the final document. It then allows the landlord in this case the Executive Director and if any of those changes relate to the surface area then Mike would have to consult with me to look over those changes and either approve them or reject them. Unless the cost is in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars in which case those things need to go to the Authority Board and then would automatically come to the Commission. So those are the things that relate to the construction of the buildings themselves, the garages themselves and the things that relate to catastrophic changes that would happen after that or repairs were things that Monique discussed in her overview. Because those then go back into those funds that are set aside out of operating revenues on an annual basis.

COMMISSIONER BONILLA: Thank you Elizabeth.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Any other question? I have one more thing and I think we can put it to a vote. There he is - you can do it from there if you want. Greg I'd like to return to this issue of the MCCP budget and let me just be clear what I'm looking for. The flow of funds through to the deal effects the rates and a variety of other things. So what I was hoping you could do is maybe suggest a cap and if it's higher then the cap then we would get the general manager's approval of amounts in excess of that because otherwise its sort of a.

GREG COLLEY: Approval on the MCCP budget.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yes and I understand the budget's targeted to be a quarter of a million dollars so amounts over that. Is that...I'm trying to find a way that we can address the interests of both sides here.

GREG COLLEY: Yeah I think I would while I'm thinking about this.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Do you want thirty-second.

GREG COLLEY: Preface it by saying that MCCP has a fiduciary duty to the donors to adhere to the mission that's been approved and the purpose it's been approved through our tax exempt status. So I understand your interest in what happens without expenditures but I would also say that it's not as though the situation exists where MCCP is wholly unconstrained as to what it can do with the funds that it has.

MSPRK: So we should be able to craft a solution then.

GREG COLLEY: Agreed.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Good okay why don't we - I'll take public comment and you'll

think about it.

GREG COLLEY: Yes thank you.

MSPRK: Thank you. John Laskin

JOHN LASKIN: Well I don't know what to say. You ought to subject this despicable scheme to a cost benefit analysis. I hereby hypothesize that the cost is fifty million dollars as follows. Say the borrowing is fifty million. That means that that's its present value. Now I'm talking I am a park person. I am talking about the burden on park people. Say half of the parkers there are recreational park people rather then visitors to the institutions. So this despicable scheme imposes a burden upon the people of twenty-five million dollars. Now I stated that the cost is fifty million-dollar. I [unintelligible] hypothesizing that there will be an expense of twenty-five million dollars for access roads which these phonies and liars.

Who crafted this Prop J that they are not going to pay and let the department, the department will end up paying twenty-five million to put in the access roads and the other and so called "improvements". The traffic improvements I don't call them improvements. So to some up what I said this despicable scheme puts a burden of five zero million on the park people. As for the other twenty-five million baby that's put on the museum visitors and I'm not worry about them.

So changing the subject slightly this was a conspiracy between the deYoung Museum and [Unintelligible] to steal parking spaces from people like myself who use the park as - I think my point has been made. I also blame the newspapers who are prejudice in favor of the deYoung. I used to be a member of the Fine Arts Museums many years ago. They supported Prop J. I blame them. This scheme is the most despicable.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: I think the most appropriate response for me to give you is to acknowledge your interest and say that unfortunately I don't think I can commit to something here without consultation with my Board. This is a document that has already been approved by my Board. I would consider that to be a change. I think I need to bring to them. I would like to suggest that if you're comfortable with it that this is something acknowledging your intent and your desire. That if we can work this out with staff and come to a conclusion that sort of meets with your intent after I have had a chance to consult with my Board that would be the approach I would prefer to take.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Actually part of my motion would be to have Monique kind of sign off because we've made some changes here that I think will need a second set of eyes and have the opportunity to correct like in that paragraph on refinancing. I don't want to create something that's across purposes. The intent is that we want to make sure that all the proceeds from as the maximal amount consistent with you're doing a good job at MCCP flow into the deal so that they can therefore flow down to the City and the department. That is the intent and we think that whatever you know words we can craft around that that either set a cap above which you will come back and get explicit approval or create a process where more then MCCP has review would be acceptable. Now I'm willing to frame it that way but what that means if you can't work it out with staff you're going to have to come back.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Yes you want to approve the lease with these specific changes.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yes.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: So then bare with me we will need to - I want to go through them with you John.

MSPRK: Yeah you can.

VIRGINIA DARION ELIZONDO: We'll start with your first one on page thirty-eight subsection d.

MSPRK: Yes.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: All disbursements from the probable maxim loss reserve account. At the end of that sentence add in the sentence disbursements over a half a million dollars. Also require the approval of the general manager.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: That's correct thank you.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: On page thirty-nine the issue of the [MCCP budget] will be modified to express the intent that there is some kind of capital and approval process.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Mechanism.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: So that there's some oversight there. On page forty-one 12.5 financial professionals tenant the Executive Director, the general manager and the Director of Public Finance will select bond counsel.

MSPRK: Jointly select that's not bond counsel its finance professionals.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Financial professionals.

MSPRK: Financial professionals all right I'm sorry it's in the next oh its in okay. Next should be forty-five seventeen .18.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: There are a couple of changes. Starting in the middle of a paragraph the tenant shall be required to obtain approval by the City for a refunding or refinancing of the bonds but only under all of the following conditions. Then condition number two if I understood you correctly moves so we have actually all of the following conditions is.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Will be three conditions.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Right will number one.

MSPRK: And there will be an or.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Number three and number four.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Number two then goes after that or number two.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right and we're going to take the present value definition from wherever Monique identified.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Right that's from the Administrative Code, which unfortunately we did not know off the top of our heads.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Right.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: But we will insert that citation.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: And then after the word rated it's going to be investment grade.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Yes rated investment grade by any national recognized securities.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: All right.

VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO: Then on page fifty-nine 26.2 approvals by the general manager upon...and then this is the last sentence. Upon the timely delivery of such notice the Commission shall have the lesser of thirty-five days or the next Commission meeting in which to make its determination.

PRESIDENT MURRAY: Yeah that sounds right. And we as part of this motion will be delegating to the public finance and the general manager to make sure that these terms if there are errors to approve corrections in this motion. [Do we have a] second or a first someone who wants to make that motion with all those things in it.

COMMISISONER PROZAN: So moved.

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0310-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) adopt environmental findings and findings that the project is consistent with Proposition J; 2) adopt findings that the project is consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan; 3) approve the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects; 4) approve the execution and delivery of a ground lease between the City and Music Concourse Community Partnership relating to the Golden Gate Park Music Concourse underground parking facility project; 5) recommend that the Board of Supervisors take actions related to the Concourse Authority projects as amended by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard McCreary spoke in opposition to the conceptual plan of the renovation of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. He requested that the meeting rooms be moved above the lobby. He alsorequested that RPD identify and establish some mechanism so that funds for Eureka Valley Recreation Center improvements will not be lost if some delay is encountered and necessary to correct some serious deficiencies that we see with the exterior of the building. Yomi Agunbiade, Capital Plan Manager stated that the conceptual plan had been approved by the Commission, it had already gone out to bid and that staff would be bringing an item awarding the bid in November. He stated that the changes that were being described were under the purview of the civic design review that the Department already went through. So there's some approvals we'd have to back through. Effie Kuriloff also spoke in opposition to the conceptual plan for the renovation of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. She believed the architecture was harsh and requested that the existing front steps, planters and trees be retained. She also requested that the two meeting rooms be above the lobby and

that the teen center be raised three feet higher.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

03 ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Billy Getty

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Harding Golf Course withstood the season's first significant rain with flying colors. The new drainage system worked as planned and the course remained operational. The number of daily rounds has been increased from 200 per day to 230. Our goal is to have 270 rounds per day by next summer and as the course continues to grow in.

Mobile Gardening Crews: The department implemented two new mobile gardening crews comprised of Gardeners, Environmental Service Workers. Each crew has been assigned a regular list of parks to service. In addition, the Department implemented two new mobile custodial crews comprised of custodians and Public Service Aides. These efforts are part of the Department's budget proposals related to the new Park Maintenance Model.

Eleven new Park Section Supervisors have been selected and will start their responsibilities in the field as of November 22nd. The previously vacant positions created a significant vacuum that in part was filled by gardeners and Area Supervisors. These new hires will improve efficiency and coordination of the Department's resources.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

- From Levi-Straus a gift of $3,000

Awards and Honors: Three Recreation and Park projects won recognition at the San Francisco Beautification Awards held by San Francisco Beautiful. Koshland Park, Corwin Mini Park, and the Natural Areas restoration of Glen Canyon were recognized.

Dates to Remember

- The annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place at McLaren Lodge on December 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

General Manager Goldstein explained that several months ago the Parks Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee made a recommendation for a moratorium on all acquisitions and the Commission asked the Department to come back and speak on the acquisition process. She recognized Bob McDonald to give a presentation on where the Department was on this process. Bob McDonald gave a presentation on Park and Recreation Land Acquisition Program for San Francisco. He spoke about: 1) why the Department has an acquisition program, 2) historical acquisition developments, 3) existing acquisition criteria and standards, 4) identification of acquisition/transfers priorities for the capital plan, 5) policy paper objectives and 6) next steps.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COUNCIL

Isabel Wade, Neighborhood Parks Council gave a presentation on the history of open space acquisitions.

Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) presented the research and conclusions regarding Open Space Planning in San Francisco that was reached following a six-month study. On behalf of NPC she acknowledged the financial assistance of Evelyn and Walter Haas Foundation for this research, as well as the assistance they received from Recreation and Park staff, other city staff, and many volunteers from the NPC staff team headed up by Vidya Tikku, the District Park Planning Program Manager, for spearheading the research and GIS work that was the foundation of the report.

Background:
San Francisco has had an inadvertent, 3-pronged approach to open space acquisition for some time. The largest acquisitions to our open space system in the last thirty years, over 2000 acres of parkland and open space, are completely the result of circumstance having two military bases in our City that were decommissioned by the federal government and pre-designated by the brilliant Phil Burton for park land. These types of additions to the open space system, which do not necessarily end up under the management of the Recreation and Park Department, represent the largest source of open space acquired in San Francisco. Transfers of public land from one agency to the City, also represent the least expensive method of acquisition.

The second largest source of land developed into open space in the last three decades has been through private property development. Open space requirements from the General Plan for large project such as Mission Bay, the Golden Gateway, Levy Plaza and Sidney Walton Square, with no long term maintenance costs.

The third avenue for open space acquisition is through two special funds. First, a property tax set aside in the City's General Fund created the Open Space Fund 1974. The initial legislation authorizing the Open Space Fund required that forty percent of

the fund be used for acquisition and development;the remainder was to be used for maintenance of the parks developed. All decisions for the use of these Open Space Funds have been made through the Open Space Advisory Committee, with the exception of one under the current Mayor.

Since the passage of Proposition C in March 2000, the open space program has been in limbo without a definitive community decision-making process. This has been due to the expansion of the duties of the advisory committee and the creation of a capital plan that theoretically includes an acquisition component. This piece is being worked on the PROSAC and the Department staff, but it is still in progress. The current charter requirement mandates that a minimum of five percent of the fund be used annually for acquisitions alone, raising the amount for acquisitions from approximately $400,000 available before 2000 to over $1 million today.

The second special fund for acquisitions is the Downtown Park Fund, created in 1986, which is a fee program assessed in C-3 (commercial) districts on new office building projects to provide park space for office workers in those areas.

The draft report that you have in front of you provides much greater detail about these two funds, what has been accomplished with them (including a detailed look at each district), and even what research remains to be done. I would just like you to give your attention to some of the specific findings:

First: NPC has added less than one hundred acres of open space in thirty years through the use of the Open Space Fund. These acquisitions have cost less than $25 million, although the total income to the Open Space Fund is over $334 million.

Second: the Downtown Park Fund has not purchased a single acre of new parkland.

Third: some parts of our city are truly deficient in open space. These tend to be on the eastern corridor, as first indicated by City Planning twenty years ago. NPC has made some progress in this corridor, but far less than we need to, in order to address the equity issue in various neighborhoods.

Fourth: the open space standard we need to consider in relation to equity is not just geographic availability of open space, but categorical availability. In other words, is the balance of open types desirable for the neighborhood (i.e. sufficient playgrounds within a ten minute walk) as well as the City (i.e. do we have an adequate number of sports fields?). We also need to carefully study demographic factors that influence usability of any type of facility (seniors don't need tot lots) and in San Francisco, factors such as topography need to be considered in planning the placement of new parks and facilities.

Looking at the larger implications of our study, I would like to highlight the following:

1. The development of new parks is a far broader activity than just the acquisition program conducted by the Recreation and Park Department.
2. San Francisco has a need for a coordinated open space policy and procedure framework document. Other cities - among them Boston, Vancouver B.C., Chicago, Seattle - have developed and use comprehensive open space plans. These policies are used by City departments, as well as by the general public.
3. The Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan urgently needs updating so that open space interests are at the very least on an equal footing at the negotiation table, as they are in other cities.
4. The enormous cost of land in San Francisco and high cost of maintenance of parks requires a study and report that lays out a strategy for matching funding sources carefully with different types of open space acquisitions. Some believe that we should not acquire any new open space without a demonstration of

relevant need and adequate maintenance funding tied to these additions.

Need for a Comprehensive Strategy

Private development, with other city agencies in charge of the negotiations, has been the single largest provider of open space in San Francisco other than the land transferred to create the Golden Gate National Recreation area. The Recreation and Park Department is not involved early enough in these negotiations nor in the larger planning for desired services in the specific neighborhoods where the development is taking place.

In addition, other public agencies control significant amounts of land that could help fill in the gaps in our park and recreation facility system. The Department of Public Works, for example, estimates that there are four acres of 'open space' comprised in the street-end right of ways and median islands around the City, some of which have already been developed as neighborhood green spaces through community action. Even more important are the acres of open space potentially available at school facilities, as well as possibility of shared use and joint development of recreation facilities. These two sources of potential open space initiatives in other dense cities such as Chicago where two hundred new parks and playgrounds and 300,000 street trees have been added in the last decade.

NPC would like the Recreation and Park Department to take its rightful place in the drivers seat in the next phase of open space development in San Francisco; this phase must be a multi-phase of open space development in San Francisco; this phase must be a multi-jurisdictional, citywide initiative with all parties on board from the Mayor's office to the School District. As in Boston, all parties need to be brought to the table to review the opportunities for cooperation in open space and facility acquisition and development, as well as the enormous and critical benefits to our City of providing parks and recreation opportunities.

Next Steps
NPC proposes the following process to remedy the current lack of an effective, comprehensive open space planning and acquisition process.

1. Hold an Open Space Summit to initiate the planning process, with all key agencies and stakeholder groups (including housing interest) invited to the table;
2. Create and staff a Task Force, under the aegis of the next Mayor but largely funded privately, to develop a comprehensive Open Space Plan, including funding for both acquisition and maintenance.
3. Part of the task force work, in collaboration with the Recreation and Park Department and other agencies, is to conduct a full research program to complete the work NPC has started. Key elements should include a detailed gap analysis by category of the open space system, GIS plotting of all available public land and proposed developments, additional surveys as needed, and preparation of reports regarding financial strategies.
4. Prepare and publicly vet a draft Open Space Acquisition Policy and Framework that provides goals, operating precepts, priority ranking, selection criteria, and district targets for a five year period, with annual updates. Once vetted and modified by the public, seek approval of relevant Commissions, the Boards of Supervisors, and the Mayor's office for adoption and application by all City departments.
5. Begin a process of plan implementation and continue coordination under the umbrella of an Open Space Council.

NPC suggest that the above process is essential to the development of a publicly supported, professional and strategic vision and program for open space acquisition

that will take us through at least the first half of the 21st century.

NPC is prepared to seek private funding for this effort and to spearhead its launch in collaboration with any and all eager participants. NPC would hope that the Commission would draft a letter of support for our funding request and that you will also become eager participants in the process.

NPC hopes also that the Commission will study our report carefully, provide us with your own comments and ideas for corrections and improvements, and review the additional recommendations that are detailed in the report.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that the report was great and the first step to get a consolidated look at what there was in terms of recreational areas, open space, both active recreation areas and preserved areas such as large parts of Golden Gate Park or the Presidio. He hoped that as a next step the Neighborhood Parks Council would be able to refine this report. He spoke about the Joint Library Commission meeting regarding the needs of the Library to expand in some of our parks. He raised the issues that the library has number of freestanding locations where there are some playgrounds or potentially other playground. He asked that NPC's report include: 1) other city department properties that have recreational facilities looking at under served areas that has open space that is maintained by Department, 2) open space at the port and downtown plazas. He suggested that NPC look at joint playground programs rather than finding a vacant lot or tear down a structure to provide open space or active children recreation. He stated that the Department look at all sources of publicly available open spaces.

Isabel Wade completely agreed with Commissioner Lazarus and appreciated comments from previous discussions. She explained that was part of the ongoing research that they would like to do. She explained that NPC wrapped up the use of the current funds for this piece and district park planning was not funded now and did not know how much further they would get their own. She also explained that NPC would like to investigate Commissioner Lazarus suggestions and certainly does not feel sorry about all the acquisitions from other sources such as federal, state and city land and that purchasing land was the least desirable way to go it could be avoided.

Commissioner Chin asked Isabel Wade and General Manager Goldstein to explain the inherent difficulties in acquiring properties in the high-need areas in District 3, District 6, etc. the likelihood of rectifying the disparity between those high-need areas and other parts of the City. He also asked if the Department was not able to meet the disparity of those high-need areas in-terms of new park acquisitions what is your feeling of balancing out those district in-terms of greater programs, hours of service of the few facilities. **Isabel Wade** explained that NPC was not willing to give up the equity on trying to get facilities. She spoke about other cities that identify the areas that are truly deficient and the categories of need and work hard to make the acquisition possible and develop the facilities. She also explained by refocusing our energy and recommitting ourselves to these areas that we can do better then we have done. She also spoke about the parcels brought over the eminent domain and compared with other cities the reality was this might be the only way to get property in these really difficult dense neighborhoods. She further explained that in answer to the second part of an interim the Department should go for program expansion in the really dense areas where there are the deficiencies because that was fair and if there are programs the public wants program expansion would be good.

General Manager Goldstein explained that we need a tripartite approach here one is acquisition and she agreed with Isabel that giving up on acquisition was not a good idea but the Department has to be ready for those opportunities when they come. She agreed that acquisitions will come less frequently and harder to negotiate but a very important part of acquiring property. She spoke about programming as an always

strategy and if the Department had the ability to invest in these facilities the recreation centers could be open twenty-four hours a day that would be a real market improvement in expansion of the services that we could provide the community. She explained that the real failure of this system was that we do not connect the green space to each other. By taking advantage of the green lung properties by making them more accessible to people who in the denser places where has been happening at the waterfront along Chinatown and North Beach was classic example of an opportunity to create a linkage that helps people to get to other facilities. **Commissioner Chin** thanked General Manager Goldstein and commented on her touch points on access and connections that transportation from the inter-city to our parks was a factor that has inhibit use in the high-need areas. He stated that the Department should make it extra viable for inter-city kids to utilize those parks in other areas and that the Department has to look at transportation as an integral part of this. **President Murray** thanked NPC for the report. He stated that the report was quite detailed and could be enhanced by including in the statistical calculations for the GGNRA land, the RDA land, state land. He explained that Candlestick Point was not included in the kind of calculations to give a real picture and looking at your proximity map there are parts of District 2 close to the Presidio that are shown as under served but they are a quarter of a mile away from a huge recreational opportunity. He encouraged the Commissioners to submit all comments to Margaret McArthur so that NPC gets back unified comments.

Isabel Wade explained that in relation to District 1, District 4, District 2 and GGNRA and those lands the Supervisors in those districts got us to pull out the large parks because they said that the acreage added into their districts made their districts look really good. In fact, there are many sections of their districts from a neighborhood prospective were people are undeserved in those districts. If you live in the middle of the Richmond or the Sunset and you are trying to go to a playground as a type of facility there are big holes in the system. She also explained that not everybody wants to walk on the beach all the time that was not necessarily their idea of the kind nature experience that they want and if they are on one end of the district that is far from Golden Gate Park that they may have to drive they feel short changed. She further explained that was why NPC tried to look especially as neighborhood park activist of course for the people within two blocks of the big parks those parks are like neighborhood parks to them but if you live further out just because there was a big green space over there may or may not serve your needs.

President Murray stated that it would be helpful to know the timeframes that NPC needed the feedback within with regard to this report so that the Commission can make sure that they get back to you. **Isabel Wade** explained their goal was to finish up the report and get it out in the next three weeks and would like feedback from the commission in the next two weeks.

John Laskin stated that there was not a lot of bureaucracy needed to acquire Esprit Park, the neighbors came to this Department and eventually the Department came up with the money. He also stated that he did not understand the existence of the Neighborhood Parks Council and felt the money was going for bureaucracy. He was opposed to a lot of manpower to go out and get these charts, research, policies and so on that it was just a waste of money. **Jill Fox**, District 10 representative for PROSAC and Chair of its Acquisition Working Group stated that San Francisco needed a Policy and Procedure Framework for Open Space.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Lazarus removed Item E, La Grande Water Tank from the Consent Calendar for clarification.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the following

resolutions were adopted:
RES.NO. 0311-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the meetings of the September 2003 and October 2003.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions fro the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
RES.NO. 0311-002

Purchase From Honolulu Zoo 151 Kapahuhu Avenue Honolulu, HI 94815 USDA #95-C-0001	3.4 Hadada Ibis	$1,000 grp
Donation From Co-evolution Institute 423 Washington Street SF, CA 94111-2339 USDA - N/A	0.0.25 Hissing Cockroach	
Sedwich County Zoo 5555 Zoo Blvd. Wichita, KS 67212 USDA #48-C-005	1.0 Kookaburra	
Sold To St. Louis Zoo 1 Government Dr. St. Louis, MO 63110 USDA #43-C-0032	0.0.15 Green-naped Lorikeet	$250 each $3750 total
National Aquarium in Baltimore 501 E Pratt Street -Pier 3 Baltimore, MD 21202 USDA #51-C-002	0.0.6 Edward's Lorikeet	$275 each $1650 total
Kansas City Zoo 6800 Zoo Drive Kansas City, MO 65803 USDA #43-C-0026	0.0.7 Green-naped Lorikeet	$250 each $1750 total
Trade To Six Flags Marine World 201 Marine World Pkwy Vallejo, CA 94589 USDA #93-C-0021	0.0.3 Ornate Lorikeet & 0.0.2 Blue Mt. Swainsons Lorikeet	$300 each $1500 total

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual for Rolph Playground clubhouse and landscape renovations.
RES.NO.0311-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for improvements on the JP Murphy Playground and Clubhouse
RES.NO.0311-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan project scope for the Golden Gate Park Music Concourse Renovation Project.
RES.NO. 0311-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a gift from the Maybeck Foundation of $3 million for capital improvements to the Palace of Fine Arts and approve the naming of the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda in honor of the Taube and Friend Families.
RES.NO. 0311-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract for the renovation of the children's play area at Alamo Square to Exquivel Grading & Paving for the amount of $873,000.
RES.NO. 0311-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the resolution to submit applications for six grants from the Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services Grant Program under the Proposition 40 - 2002 State Resources Bond in order to fund the conceptual plans as approved by the Commission at: Coffman Pool; Kellock-Velasco Mini Park; Minne & Lovie Ward Recreation Center/Ocean View Park; South of Market Park; La Raza/Portrero Del Sol Park and Chinese Recreation Center.
RES.NO. 0311-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a permit to allow access across Lot 6 - Parcel 4977 by Candlestick Park.
RES.NO. 0311-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the green fees and power cart rental fees at McLaren Park Golf Course.
RES.NO. 0311-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a temporary agreement to replace an expired lease for the operation of the Tea House and the Gift Shop in the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.
RES.NO. 0311-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve waiver of the Minimum Annual Guarantee in the lease between the City and Frederick Lo for the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.
RES.NO. 0311-012

GENERAL CALENDAR

EUREKA VALLEY RECREATION CENTER

President Murray welcomed Supervisor Dufty.

Supervisor Bevan Dufty stated that he was here to very strongly support this item and would like to see the Commission move forward with this construction contract. Saying that, I am mindful that you will hear some conflicting testimony today and I am sadden by that because I would like to see consensus. There has been no facility in our City that has been as intensively used as Eureka Valley Recreation Center as we saw when we provided a temporary homeless facility there. There were a lot of stakeholders there from the recreation users, the tiny tot program, the senior program, Mitch Thompson's ground breaking program for Queer Youth that are all housed there among other services that are vitally needed. He thanked the Commission for working in partnership with my office to move Mitch's program to the LGBT Community Center were it will have a refuge for the next two years and double

the amount of programming geared toward queer youth. The reality is these youths are coming from all over the City to express themselves or be themselves. The Castro is also a Mecca it is place that young adults come and think that they will find a welcoming community that is ready to care for them. Unfortunately that is not the case right now we don't have many places where it safe for young adults to be there often preyed upon by peers or those older supplying them with drugs and other things that are just devastating and can be incredible threatening. I just would say that I have great respect for some of those that would come forward who are longstanding stakeholders people who were involved in Seward Street Mini Park and people who have a tremendous record in Recreation and Park facilities. But the reality is, overwhelmingly you will hear from neighbors, young people and users that are going to say Recreation and Park did do the process. He stated that Mr. Agunbiade is very open and has met with the groups but I think the changes that are being sought are just not reasonable. The fact of the matter is that I don't believe that an open plaza in front of this recreation center should by default become a safe haven for young people. I think we can do better than that I think we are trying now to do better than that by raising money privately so that the community center can provide programming after nine and ten o'clock at night where the neighborhood programming from LYRIC and EVRC is not able to take place because of neighborhood problems and impacts. So I don't think that is appropriate I think you are going to hear from Lisa Frazer who is a heroic beat cop that wants to do better by the young people and better by the neighborhood that the openness of this area has lent itself to a lot of hypodermics being left around which is not safe for the young adults or anyone else there. I do want to say that I listen to Mr. Lasco who when I ran the City's Complaint Department use to frequently call after Commission meetings to share his view with me that I do want to say that I am impressed to see so many young people here. While there are some disagreement that I hope that this Commission is a loving place and a place that recognizes that we want to serve all. These young people have waited long enough they have been incredibly patient and seen this project set aside on a couple of occasions and I really think it would not be right not to move forward. I have met with some of the neighbors that disagree and I would be happy to try and reach some of accommodations if there are things that we can do aesthetically at the front of this facility to make it more soft, more welcoming, more inviting but I absolutely feel we need to move forward with this project right now because otherwise we will delay this project for a year and I think we will really poorly serve the stakeholders at EVRC. So with that I do want to thank the Commission and hope that you will approve this contract and I certainly would welcome the opportunity to work with the Department and work with those who have concerns and see where we can find levels of accommodations without derailing the project.

President Murray summarized for the group what happened at Finance Committee. He explained that a couple people came forward with feedback on this project. The Committee asked staff to meet with the neighbors to talk about their concerns. He stated that this project was at end of the process and it was really late to try to consider changes and as Supervisor Dufty said we do not have consensus which is unfortunate but we do have a large capital program in a facility that needs to be updated.

Yomi Agunbiade updated the Commission on the Finance Committee's request to meet with the neighbors interested in changes to the current plan of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. He spoke about the design options that were presented by the people who are in opposition of the current design. He explained that staff looked at the requested design changes and the changes would require going back to rest of the community that has already voted to move forward with the current design that this Commission has approved and start the process again which would delay the project for a year.

President Murray asked Officer Frazer to speak on the security issues raised at the Finance Committee meeting.

Officer Lisa Frazer, San Francisco Police Department has patrolled the Eureka Valley Playground morning, noon and night. She explained that the Eureka Valley Center has always had some serious criminal issues partially due to the inherent security issues originating from the original design. The area that she spoke of included the front steps and in the terrace area, which is located between the far north wall, the center and the beginning of the children's area, it also includes the area directly adjacent to the front doors. Part of the problem with this area is that the terrace area is above the street level and is completely hidden from the street and it is in this specific area that most of the criminal activity, illicit drug use, public defecation and homeless encampments have taken place. The Police Department, community groups and the Recreation And Park Department have gotten together and attempted to reduce this type of activity by trimming the foliage, holding neighborhood meetings, adding extra patrols, posting signs, etc. but despite all of our proactive measures the inherent design of the area is part of the problem. She gave a recap of the criminal issues and problems and a check of the dispatch records showed that there were over one hundred seventy-eight calls for service at Eureka Valley Center between the months of June and November of this year. Most of those calls were regarding persons engaging in criminal activity or causing problems as reported by neighbors or passerby on the property. In addition to that in the summer of 2002 she spearheaded a safety campaign for the Center involving a cleaning day with the Recreation and Park Department, the Parents of Friends School. Mitch Thompson from LYRIC and EVRC implemented the clean-up and during the clean-up just in front of the center alone more than 212 uncapped, dirty, used hypodermic syringes were found in the area. Two-thirds where found in the area by the small steps, immediately adjacent to the front door. She has been involved in the periphery of the reconstruction project for over three years and directors of the project have worked closely with the Police Department regarding safety and security issues of the new design. When she saw the finalized design of the project she was very happy to see that the design brought the building line out to meet the sidewalk. She believes that the design of the building as it was approved and finalized during public previous hearings will help eliminate many of the safety and security issues that we have. She was also confident that the directors of the project as they willing to work with us regarding security issues would address any other issues that arise. She reviewed the sketches of the design now being promoted by the CFD and although the building looks nice she found some serious security and safety issues within the design she shared her concerns with the Code Enforcement Officer at Mission Station who also a contractor and he agreed. In addition, the design proposed by CFD reintroduces the front step and terrace area, which has ground zero for most of our problems. She requested that the Commission support the implementation of the Center's reconstruction design as it has been approved in the previous public hearings. The Center has been sitting empty and ready for construction now for over a month the fact that it has been sitting as now abandoned building has cause additional security concerns and has become a new Mecca for illicit activity and encampments. The neighbors in the immediate affected area were understandable and were willing to deal with the inconvenience of new construction however they are very frustrated as the building sits abandoned attracting all sort of negative elements back into the neighborhood. Lastly, this project has gone through years of hearings, panels, assessments, etc. the design has been approved by all the various departments and Commissions and neighborhood has been waiting for over five years to get this project underway. She thanked the Commission for consideration on this matter and she appreciated the invitation to speak before this Commission today.

Background/Description:
Bid Information: With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park

Department solicited construction bids for improvements to the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. Bid opening occurred on September 24, 2003, with a total of three bids accepted (a fourth bid was submitted beyond the due time and therefore rejected). Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate the sixteen-month construction project.

Project Description:
The Eureka Valley Recreation Center is located at 100 Collingwood Street between 18th and 19th Streets. The Recreation Center is a 16,500 square foot two-story building completed in 1954. The building and its adjacent playground area heavily used by the Eureka Valley and Castro neighborhoods as an athletic and cultural venue.

The facility does not provide adequate space to house new services and programs required to serve the needs of the community. A recent Existing Conditions Assessment Study by the Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Engineering evaluated the major building systems, identified numerous physical and code deficiencies, and recommended measures for repair and replacement.

Proposed Improvements

Based on programmatic requirements and the results of the evaluation of the existing building, proposed site and building improvements include:

- expansion of the downstairs activity room
- modification to site/building approach to fulfill ADA code compliance, inclusion of an elevator to fulfill ADA code compliance for access to the mezzanine, and reconfiguration of the downstairs interior and exterior restrooms to fulfill ADA code compliance
- replacement of the existing boiler, update and increase existing capabilities of electrical panels, wiring, and lighting where required
- new playground to meet safety standards and ADA code compliance
- construction of a new teen room

Michael Howard resident of Eureka Valley representing CFD stated opposition for the current plan because: 1) the residents in the community knew nothing of the renovation plan, 2) he felt that the programs are geared for outsiders rather than the community, 3) the current proposal for the renovations creates a less inviting center, 4) the current plan lacks imagination and creativity and 5) the current plan does not address our problem of expanding community involvement. He urged the Commission to consider and implement the changes to the Eureka Valley Renovation proposed by CFD. Effie Kuriloff, Eureka Valley resident agreed that a renovation was long overdue and needs to happen at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. She requested support from the Commission to incorporate CFD's design modifications because: 1) there was significant input from members of the community and 2) CFD's designs intends to create a place for bringing people together. Peter Harris, General Contractor with a small business in San Francisco thanked the Commission for sending representatives to meet with those who have expressed concerns with the current design. He stated his opposition for the current design plan because: 1) residents in the community felt left out of the process and 2) he feared that a new, unappealing structure will be built that will loom over future generations. Judith Hoyem, Eureka Valley resident, stated that CFD's design requests for the Eureka Valley Recreation Center were not unreasonable because: 1) of the desire to retain some sense of the Center as a neighborhood place, 2) the problems at the Eureka Valley Center are social problems of the City of San Francisco that need to be addressed in a different way than just simply redesigning a building, 3) of hopes that the Center will be here for over fifty-years that a one-year delay was hardly unreasonable. Mitch Thompson stated this process was very long and done with integrity. He spoke about personally posting the hearing information and updating the community throughout the whole process and

for years you could not enter the lobby of the Recreation Center without seeing the design on the bulletin board. He explained that the proposed design of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center was created with much sensitivity to the residents, the neighborhood and the building and was a wonderful tribute to the people who worked on the design. He also stated that the community will have a beautiful, welcoming, public recreation center that will be updated yet retaining the original style and integrity. He further stated that the people who chose not to participate in the entire process have fully admitted that they were well aware of the process and it was not fair to the people who did participate throughout the entire process. He urged the Commission to honor this democratic and fair process. He thanked General Manager Goldstein for her amazing support, insight and vision not only with his group of young people but Department wide. **Gene Dermody** San Francisco resident representing Team San Francisco in the various gay lesbian sports groups that has been an integral part the Eureka Valley Program since 1987. He stated support for the current design plan because these teams may not be able to survive if this project was delayed to long. He also stated that the gay and lesbian athletics are a vital part of the community and Eureka Valley was their home and they have worked very hard for many years for this renovation. He asked the Commission to please expedite this well thought out plan approved by the community. **Gustavo Serina,** President of the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, stated that the Commission files contain a copy of EVPA's letter supporting the redesign plan for the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and restated that support on behalf of EVPA and personally because: 1) EVPA wants improvements to their neighborhood, 2) the recreation center is sadly in need of restoration, 3) the facility is used for practical needs for local residents, 4) he feels the design is a pleasing blend of form and function, 5) the design increases the interior space, 6) the Department's public outreach process was admirable, 7) EVPA has waited many years for this much needed remodeling, 8) no reasonable person can support a delay that would endanger the funding of this project and 9) failure to remodel the EVRC as scheduled would cause harm to the neighborhood and be a grave injustice. He urged the Commission to award the contract to the winning bidder and begin remodeling as planned so that in two years the neighborhood will have a restored center. **Michael Caine** stated support for the current design and until now there was never opposition for this project. He asked the Commission not to delay this project because it has been around forever. **Speaker,** User of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center from Mitch Thompson's Program stated that it was not true that the youths were shown the plan and did not like way it looked. He also stated support for the current plan because by delaying this project it would hurt homeless youth. He explained that the center was the only place he could go to stay off drugs and other things that he should not be doing and Mitch Thompson's program saves kids in a sense that it is a safe place to go.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to come back to the Commission to address the issue to post notices on the exterior of buildings. **Yomi Agunbiade** explained that the Department does radius mailings as part of public outreach and agreed to post notices at the exterior of the facilities under renovation. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the Department has extensive draft outreach process which the Department has been using for our projects and was in the final process of being finalized and will be delighted to distribute to the Commission for comments.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES.NO. 0311-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Kin Wo Construction in the amount of $3,451,193 for the improvements to the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and grounds project.

701 LOMBARD STREET

President Murray gave an update from the last Commission meeting. He spoke about the extensive testimony and public feedback at the last Commission meeting with regard to the 701 Lombard Street project and at that time the Commission deferred making an actual decision to allow a few others things to go forward. He stated that the Commission now has two choices either: a) hear additional information from staff in which case we will go through additional cycle of public feedback or b) entertain a motion for action and close public comment.

Background:
Since 2000, the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) has been exploring the possibility of purchasing 701 Lombard Street. In 2001, the Department of Real Estate prepared a preliminary appraisal of the property, estimating the value to be between $900,000 to $1,000,000. Real Estate contacted the owners on behalf of the City about purchasing the property. The owner acknowledged the interest of the City, but expressed a desire to develop the site as a private mixed-use development. Soon there after, the property owner submitted development plans to the Department of City Planning which were approved. Subsequently, RPD abandoned the idea of purchasing the site. However, since RPD is currently developing a master plan for future capital improvements, purchase of this is again under consideration. The Department of Real Estate and the City Attorney retained an independent appraiser to value the property. Since the first estimate of value, the owners of the property have obtained Planning Commission approval for development of nine residential units and ground floor commercial on the property. The current value of the property with entitlements is $1,800,000.

On August 7, 2003, the Commission met with General Manager Goldstein and the City Attorney in closed session to discuss negotiations to purchase the property with Open Space Funds and Park Bond Funds. Following the meeting, the Director of Property offered the property owners $1,800,000 for the property. That offer has been refused. On September 23, 2003, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a hearing on a resolution of necessity to use eminent domain to acquire the property for open space. The hearing set for October 7, 2003 has been continued to October 21. The property owner has appealed the categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act issued by the Planning Department for the City's acquisition of the property. The appeal of the categorical exemption will be heard directly before the eminent domain resolution on October 21.

The Department is seeking approval from the Commission for the acquisition of 701 Lombard funding.

Project Site:
701 Lombard Street is a single-lot of approximately 4,119-square feet on a triangular block bounded by Columbus Avenue, Lombard and Mason Streets, and is currently used as an approximately 18-space daily parking lot. Curb cuts exist on Lombard and Mason Streets. There are no structures on the site. The site is located across Mason Street from the North Beach Library/Pool/Playground, and directly across from the entrance to the Bocce Courts. The Mason Street Cable Car line travels in both directions along Columbus Avenue in front of the site.

Historically, the site was occupied by mixed-use commercial and residential structures, a hotel, and from the 1940s to 1984 as a gasoline station. Since the gas station closed and the underground storage tanks removed, the site has been used as a paved surface parking lot.

The site is in the North Beach NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) zoning district, which includes non-public parcels along Columbus Avenue. The site is also within a 40-X height and bulk district. The North Beach Playground and the North Beach

Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, located across Mason Street from the site, are on a block zoned P (Public). RM-2 (Residential Mixed, Moderate Density) zoning districts are located diagonally across the Mason and Lombard intersection from the site and also one block west toward Russian Hill. Lots further to the north and east of the site are within an RM-3 (Mixed-Residential, Moderate Density) district.

Factors Considered:
RPD believes the acquisition of the property provides an ideal opportunity to create additional open space in an area of high need. The General Plan's Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan indicates the need for new open space in the general vicinity of the North Beach Pool and Playground as part of its Neighborhood Recreation and Open Space Improvement Priority Plan. The City's General Plan also designates the immediate neighborhood as a high need area, based on density, income and concentration of seniors and school age children, and gives highest priority to consideration of new parks and recreation improvements in this area.

Additionally, this site takes advantage of an adjoining public right-of-way as a means to cost effectively expand public open space in a high density area and to locate open space opportunities close to public transportation along Columbus Street.

RPD has available Open Space Funds for the purchase of this triangle parcel. RPD also can leverage or borrow against anticipated future Open Space Funds, through the use of revenue bonds, should the acquisition cost exceed the amount of monies banked for acquisition during any given budget year.

Approved Development Project:
The property owner has planning approval and building permits to construct a four-story, nine-unit residential structure with two small ground floor retail spaces and nine interior ground floor parking stalls. The building would include approximately 2,746 gross square feet (gsf) of condominium off-street parking, 811 gsf of retail spaces, 9,974 gsf for the nine condominium dwelling units on the second through fourth floors and a common roof deck. The building would be approximately 40 feet in height.

Valuation:
Dave Bohegian, a Member of the Appraisal Institute, bases the $1,800,000 value of the property on an appraisal. Mr. Bohegian surveyed comparable lots with approvals for residential development. The comparable properties sold for between $150,000 per unit and $212,000 per unit. After adjusting the comparable sales for the passage of time, location, and the size of the properties, Mr. Bohegian concluded that a buyer of the property on the open market would pay $200,000 per residential unit that could be developed on the property. Because the property owners have already obtained approval of nine residential units, Mr. Bohegian concluded that the value of the property is $1,800,000.

Commission Bonilla asked the City Attorney for the language for a motion not go forward. **City Attorney Virginia Dario Elizondo** explained the language was worded on the agenda and the language for Commissioner Bonilla's motion was recommends not to expend the funds to acquire 701 Lombard Street.

After **Commissioner Bonilla's** motion the Commission discussed the following issues: 1) PROSAC's vote, 2) the reason for closing the Commission's discussion, 3) if the Commission could asked staff questions and 4) the interpretation of new information as opposed to comments to statements the Commission might make if they do not ask staff for information. **City Attorney Virginia Dario Elizondo** explained that this was a continued item from the last meeting where there was extensive public comment and if the Commission would like to discuss this item amongst themselves before a

decision was taken that was the Commission's process. She also explained that there was a motion on the floor and if the Commission solicits information from staff this item will be opened up again for the Commission's deliberative process.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0311-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission recommends not to expend the funds to acquire 701 Lombard Street.

Aye: Bonilla, Martin, Murray and Prozan
No: Chin and Lazarus

After the vote the Commission discussed the following issues:

Commissioner Chin commented now that the vote has been taken that the vote was not really surprising. He stated that he supported the original resolution for the triangle park because he felt it was a good idea. He spoke about the Department had indeed certified that there was money there but was under no illusions that the Board of Supervisors would go through with the eminent domain. He stated that in previous discussion if there was not going to be a triangle park there exist possibilities of pursuing Mason Street. He asked that General Manager explore: 1) taking half of Mason Street, 2) a three quarter cul-de-sac version and 3) closing Mason Street to expand the park. President Murray asked Commissioner Chin if he would like a report next month. Commissioner Chin stated that a report next month would be fine.

Commissioner Lazarus commented that he was sorry that he missed public testimony. He stated that the opportunity to acquire the triangle at 701 Lombard to attach it to an existing park and library site for an extension of a major civic resource in North Beach was a good idea in concept to acquire that land subject to street closure. He spoke about having further discussion with the property owner regarding a partial street closure, one-way access on Mason Street to the back of that property, or land trades that could keep the vision of a connection of that parcel to the existing park. He also stated that he shared concerns of some Commissioners and Board of Supervisors of proceeding with eminent domain with non-willing sellers but perhaps the Department could look at other options before construction actually commences the site to keep this option alive a little while longer.

President Murray explained to Commissioner Lazarus that the Commission has given direction to the General Manager to look at the street closure and the interpretation of the prior vote would be that the Commission voted not for eminent domain and not to expend funds to acquire the triangle and did not think it was appropriate to give direction to the General Manager to further investigate what the Commission voted not to do it because it was not consistent. Commissioner Lazarus stated that there neighborhood residence still interested in acquiring the property through a more normal process if there was a willing seller. President Murray explained that if someone brought appropriate funds to the Department, the Commission was not directing the General Manager to take further action in that area.

General Manager Goldstein explained that she was more than willing to explore the alternatives and asked for the right to bring it back to the full Commission meeting on December 18th. President Murray stated that the General Manager could have until January if she needed. He explained that the Commission has requested a report with a description of the alternatives and the implication of those. This process will take some time as we go forward and the only urgency around it seems to be to speaking to the property owners about potential impacts and alignments.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:50 p.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Martin and duly seconded the Commission returned to opened session at 3:56 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

LA GRANDE WATER TANK

Commissioner Lazarus explained that item has been before this Commission and appreciates the modifications of landscape plans and the clarifications that came from a couple of meetings. He asked that the record show that this Commissioner's intent that the landscape plan approval does not include the approval of the fencing scheme. He explained that proper post 911 terrorist concern was to protect our water sources throughout America and suggested that barbwire be used for the fencing. He asked that sometime in the future staff come back to this Commission when the PUC was at the final design stage.

Background/Description: The existing La Grande tank is a 350,000-gallon potable water storage tank located on top of a hill at the northwestern slope of John McLaren Park. The steel tank is 28-foot in diameter and 80-foot tall. It was constructed in 1956 and is used by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for domestic water storage, potable distribution, and for fire protection.

On September 18, 2003, the Recreation and Park commission approved the conceptual plans to replace the aging and seismically vulnerable La Grande water storage. The Commission asked that related landscape restoration and improvements plans be resubmitted to address concerns over plant species and tank screening.

Revised landscaping improvements will include restoration of the former tank site to a native wildflower meadow encircled by a new vista walking path, native landscape plantings, groupings of Monterey Cypress trees around the new tank to provide screening, automatic irrigation systems, soil preparation, fine grading, hydro-seeding and boulder placement. Additional improvements will be made to reorient and repave the existing access road to the tank. In total, landscape improvements will include an opportunity to recover and enhance over 44,000 square feet of park area.

Keith Kawamura explained the plan that was put forth was only for the landscape portion and the design previously approved was the delineation of the tank design and the fencing design was tied into the design of tank. Commissioner Lazarus stated that the fencing look could have significant impact on an improved open space feature for the City. He also stated that the Art Commission has asked for redesign options to come back. He asked staff when the final tank design is approved by the Art Commission and the PUC including the security and fencing issues that the design come back to the Parks and Planning Committee at that time. General Manager Goldstein explained that both projects were at the conceptual level of design at this point and specific details would normally not come back because these projects are being executed by the PUC. President Murray asked General Manager Goldstein if

that there was anyway Commissioner Lazarus request could be accommodated. Yomi Agunbiade explained that the process going into this project was broken up into pieces. The first piece was discussion around the tank itself, the pathways to it and the fence was shown that matched the architecture of the tank itself and that piece was originally approved. Then the landscape piece was separated out for staff to work through to come back the Commission. Commissioner Lazarus stated that the first approval included the site and landscaping because the Commission does not have jurisdiction on the look of the tank. He also stated that the Commission approved the site and that it was okay to move the tank north and for staff to come back with more detail on the landscaping. Martha Ketterer, DPW explained that fencing design was available if Commissioner Lazarus would like to see the design today. Commissioner Lazarus stated that he would like to see the design when DPW had the final tank design approved by the Art Commission. President Murray asked Martha Ketterer to address a letter with an exhibit of the final tank design to Commissioner Lazarus as soon as it is done. Martha Ketterer explained that once there was a final tank design she would send a letter to Commissioner Lazarus. President Murray asked Commissioner Lazarus if there was a problem with the design that he would bring it back to the Commission and that he would respect and take into account statements or comments made by other Commissioners.

On motion made by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0311-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual landscape improvement plans at SFPUC's La Grande potable water storage tank in McLaren Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Worsley stated his concerns about the concession at Coit Tower. John Laskin stated opposition for any formal procedure for open space acquisitions. Speaker representing PROSAC explained the vote was ten to eight in favor of the acquisition of 701 Lombard. He also explained that after the vote was over one of the committee members said that in the City Charter twelve votes were needed and the City Attorney confirmed that the majority was not the committee members present but the majority of the full twenty-three members in order for a legal action.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus asked that at the next Park and Planning meeting staff give reports on the following issues: 1) JFK Drive proposal, 2) field rental issues, 3) how to rectify the traffic problems caused by Forty-Niner games, 4) the Forty-Niner's issues regarding maintenance and preparation and 4) how the Department responded to Supervisor Gonzalez hearing on park maintenance. General Manager Goldstein explained that she intended to respond to the issue regarding park maintenance at the next Commission hearing because the resolution was passed on the first reading and it will be pass on the second reading presumably next week.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Gordon Chin
Larry Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray introduced Richard Guggenhime who has joined the Commission replacing Billy Getty who served on this Commission for many years. Commissioner Guggenhime introduced himself to the Department. He was born and raised in San Francisco where he attended public schools and went on to Stanford and Harvard Law School. He practiced law in the City for many years and over the past thirty years he was with the Parking Authority, the Board of Permit Appeals, Fire Commission, and Recreation and Park Commission. He said it was a pleasure to be back and looked forward to meeting and working with staff. He thanked the Commission President John Murray.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Goldstein spoke about the new Director, Emanuel Mellenito of the San Francisco Zoological Society. She gave status of legislation: 1) the resolution for the Page Street Acquisition was forwarded with a recommendation by the Finance Committee and will be heard by the full Board on January 6th, 2) the report issued by NAPCAC will be heard by the City Services Committee on January 7th, 3) the hearing regarding 701 Lombard eminent domain was postponed and continued to January

13th, 4) a hearing is anticipated on the aquatics model that has been called for but not yet scheduled, 5) the grants previously approved and approved today by the Commission are going to be introduced on January 6th, and 6) the PGA Agreement modifications have already been introduced before the Board but not scheduled for hearing.

Michael Frank, Director of Administration and Finance gave a presentation on: 1) the current budget status, 2) the budget instructions received from the Mayor's office, 3) the process the Department has been going through to evaluate budget options and budget reduction measures, 4) the public process and 5) the budget timeline. He gave a review on how this year's budget was solved. **President Murray** asked Michael Frank to explain how the property tax was off $646,000 for fiscal year 2002/03 and if it went down by actual dollars. **Michael Frank** explained that the property tax was projected by the Department and the Controller's Office. He also explained that the property tax went up by less and did not go down by absolute dollars. After the presentation **Michael Frank** mentioned that there was a series of budget information on the Department's web site. He encouraged the public and others to visit the site to give feedback for any other budget balancing ideas.

After the presentation the Commission discussed the following issues: 1) when the budget reduction proposal for the last quarter will come before the Commission, 2) the fourth quarter cuts, 3) the opportunity for employees to take extended leave and 4) the citywide plan for reducing expenditures. **General Manager Goldstein** and **Michael Frank** addressed the Commission's concerns. **President Murray** asked staff for a little more detail on the Open Space Fund in terms of the historical revenues.

General Manager Goldstein reminded everyone about the list of initiatives taken last year by the Department. The list initiatives were shorter than proposed because a number of them were lost in a last minute debate at the Board. She explained that the Department was in a very difficult position and asked the Commission to help and counsel staff on how to manage the process.

Michael Frank spoke about the voters passing the early retirement measure so classifications facing layoffs would not necessarily be laid off citywide but retires early.

The Commission asked General Manager Goldstein to explain: 1) if an informational document will be sent to the Board of Supervisors explaining the process used by the Department, 2) if the Budget Office will provide a citywide plan, 3) if she asked the direction from the Commission on specific initiatives previously proposed that would not be part of the Mayor's package. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that a process has not been decided on and normally the Mayor's Office would report to the Board of Supervisors for the individual departments. She also explained that there was not an approval process for mid-year reductions. She asked the Commission for direction on whether staff should go back to previously proposed initiatives how high or low probability are the proposal and the mix of proposals that we take forward.

Commissioner Prozan stated that initiatives such as Candlestick Park and parking in Golden Gate Park would not be part of the reductions carried in the Mayor's package.

President Murray suggested that we have preferred initiatives and having alternatives as replacement items.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that the Department needs more revenue so if there are any revenue items that the Board rejected bring those revenue items forward for this fiscal year in July because we can not take these cuts on top of last years cuts to have the level of service we want in our recreation centers and gardening and

everything else. He asked General Manager Goldstein since the Department was facing lay-offs has there been any additional staff hired. General Manager Goldstein explained that the Department has not hired across the board but only in very small-specialized areas for instance lifeguards.

Commission Bonilla asked staff to explain at the same time that we are prioritizing cuts are we also going to have a simultaneous plan for strengthening our revenue base so we do not have to take any further cuts because our revenues do not meet expectations. Michael Frank explained that there were a whole host of revenue measures that were in this year's budget that the Department is working towards to boost up revenue in a number of areas.

Isabel Wade, Chair PROSAC, on behalf of PROSAC gave a report to the Commission on the Capital Plan.

She stated that she agreed with General Manager Goldstein's regarding the public process and concern on some of the likely proposals. She also stated that PROSAC should be included in the the timeline for the budget in terms terms of presentation of ideas as the citizen's advisory committee for this Commission and the for City. She further stated that PROSAC will meet in January and she would encourage everyone to look at the ideas and try to prioritize the list right away.

The members of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee voted not to approve the proposed changes to the Capital Plan. There are significant changes proposed this year and while these all may have a reasonable rationale, we felt that we did not have the time necessary to vet the proposed changes publicly and that this process is essential to the intent of Proposition C and good public communication.

PROSAC continues to be frustrated by the Department's ongoing failure at good communication on many fronts, but this topic (capital program) especially requires a more concerted effort at all levels. The public continues to complain that they are having a terrible time learning about capital improvements and an expected timeline at their park, even (and perhaps especially) after their projects have started in the planning stage. Many people came to the capital plan meetings this past September specifically to learn what was going on in their park project because they had not heard from Department staff in months and staff were not prepared to either tell them what was happening at their park or whether their park was being proposed for a delay in project initiation.

Consequently, we do not wish to participate in supporting the inadequate process presented this year for public consideration of the Capital Plan. In the future, we recommend that any proposed changes to the capital plan be presented at the public meetings held much earlier (e.g. June) and further broadcast during the summer on the Department's web site, through articles submitted to neighborhood newspapers and by flyers sent to neighborhood organizations announcing the September PROSAC meeting. Any changes proposed based on public feedback in any format during this time could then be incorporated and presented to PROSAC at our September meeting, where the public may again make additional comments or suggestions. PROSAC members and the Department staff can then complete a public outreach process at community meetings in September through November and vote on a final plan at our November or December meeting in time for the Commission's year-end consideration.

At the June district meetings, a full accounting of funding spent in the previous year for each project and in each District on capital improvements should be presented, ideally in a printed report as other cities do, including the full project descriptions and photos. Chicago provides an excellent model in all regards. This readable, attractive report is an important part of public communication and accountability. Given the major changes proposed in the Capital Program for next year and the

program's timeline, it might be wise for the Commission to also hold off on approval of the plan until a proper accounting of all capital expenditures is prepared by project, a definitive project schedule is prepared that is realistic and not likely to change, and staff training is completed regarding public outreach protocols and the standard timeline they are expected to observe. As PROSAC has also recommended in an earlier memo, PROSAC suggested that a portion of the Open Space Fund be specifically set aside for a competitive bid PROSAC suggest that a portion of the Open Space Fund be specifically set aside for a competitive bid process to secure outside help to conduct public outreach for the capital program and the Department generally. Continued frustration by the public on capital improvements will not bode well for further public support for an additional bond or for the management of capital projects by the Department.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that since he has been on this Commission there has been approval of numerous capital projects other than a few exceptions he has seen no controversy. **Isabel Wade** explained that she gets many complaints from citizens about lack of information regarding their neighborhood parks. **Commissioner Lazarus** asked Ms. Wade to explain if staff was not communicating as the process goes forward on any particular project. **Isabel Wade** explained that the complaints are the lack of communication from the Department after a project has officially started. She hoped the Commission would take advantage of the advice from PROSAC because they are out there all the time talking to people. She stated that PROSAC would work with the Department on a protocol that the staff follows in a timeline so that people can expect things to happen in a regular timeframe.

Commissioner Bonilla asked Isabel Wade to explain if she was clearly stating that the Department was not reporting back to PROSAC on policy decisions or on the development of a project and did not have institutionalize way of reporting back on a consistent basis as things are getting accomplished and therefore the information was not getting out to the public. She also asked in terms of level of detail that PROSAC felt was appropriate with respect to projects being accomplished would be to institutionalize information regarding the cost of a project, how much money has been expended and how much was left.

Isabel Wade explained that PROSAC was definitely interested in the fine details of projects, which should be reported on an annual report. She also explained the PROSAC has fought hard for the Department to have a capital program and now PROSAC can not seem to get a process that seems efficient and respects the public.

Commissioner Prozan stated that she was glad that Ms. Wade brought this up because I think this was something we have dealt with at every sub-committee meeting on Park and Planning and on every item that has come before us in-terms of capital projects for some time. She asked President Murray indulgence to have staff provide a report next month addressing three items: 1) notifying the community, 2) updating the web site, and 3) posting signage on the stage of a project. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that there are aspects of this already answered in the Capital Plan document that staff will discuss a little bit later. **Isabel Wade** suggested staff training as a fourth item.

Chris Duderstadt spoke on behalf of the Grounds Sports Advisory Committee to give thanks to the Department for: 1) reopening of the Academy, 2) a new skating area, 3) the installation of a new disc golf course in Golden Gate Park, 4) the paths and lights at the Panhandle, 5) redoing the entrance for the park, 6) the closure of Waller Street, 7) the work at the Beach Chalet and 8) the two new soccer fields at Youngblood Coleman and Franklin Square. He spoke about the problems at Crocker Amazon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RES.NO. 0312-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the November 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
RES.NO. 0312-002

Donation From
Wildlife Care Association — 0.0.2 Common Crow
5150 Sunrise Boulevard F6
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
USDA - N/A

Lee Atkins — 0.0.6 Tarantula
212 William Reed Drive
Antioch, CA 94509
USDA - N/A

Sold To
Kansas City Zoo — 0.0.1 Green naped Lorikeet $250
6800 Zoo Drive
Kansas City, MO 65803
USDA #43-C-0026

RESOLVED, That this Commission does change the name of the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens to San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum.
RES.NO. 0312-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Benjamin Wood's (student from the San Francisco Art Institute) request for projection project of moving video and film images of historical footage of San Francisco onto the exterior walls of Coit Tower on July 4, 2004 following the fireworks at approximately 9:30-9:45 PM for 20 to 30 minutes.
RES.NO. 0312-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve TRI California's request for the closing of the following roads in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the "2004 Leukemia and Lymphoma of America Celebration of Women Marathon/Half Marathon/5K Walk" on October 24, 2004: 1) Close John F. Kennedy Drive Eastbound lane from 30th Avenue to the Great Highway from 4:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Access will be available to the Golf Course, Archery field, Dog Training Area and Equestrian Center, 2) Close John F. Kennedy Drive from 30th Avenue Transverse Drive to the Transverse Avenue Eastbound lane from 4:00 AM to 3:00 PM, 3) Close John F. Kennedy Drive from 30th Avenue Transverse Drive to the Transverse Avenue Westbound lane from 4:00 AM to 12 Noon, 4) Close Cross-Over Drive Southbound westerly most lane from 25th avenue to Transverse Drive from 7:00 to 11:00 AM, 5) Close Cross Over from Cross Over Drive to Martin Luther King Drive from 7:00 to 11:00 AM, 6) Close Cross Over Drive from Transverse to Middle Drive West from 7:00 to 11:00 AM, 7) Close Middle Drive West from Overlook Drive to Martin Luther King Drive from 7:00 to 11:30 AM, 8) Close Martin Luther King Drive Westbound only from 7:00 to 11:30 AM. Eastbound lane will be open with no left turns, 9) Close the Great Highway Northbound most easterly lane from Lincoln to Fulton Street from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, 10) Close the

Great Highway Northbound easterly most lanes from JFK to Point Lobos from 5:00 to 8:00 AM, 11) Close the Great Highway Southbound lane from Lincoln Avenue to Sloat Avenue from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, 12) Close the Great Highway North Northbound easterly most lane closed from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
RES.NO. 0312-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plans for the Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center and Playground.
RES.NO. 0312-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the Stern Grove - Pike Lake and Meadow renovation.
RES.NO. 0312-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the Stern Grove - Concert Meadow renovation.
RES.NO. 0312-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed 690 Market Street (Old Chronicle Building) will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Union Square - as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).
RES.NO. 0312-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed 8 Washington project will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Ferry Park and the shading or shadowing is de minimus on Embarcadero Plaza 1 - as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).
RES.NO. 0312-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the First Amendment to the Master Tournament Agreement with the PGA TOUR, Inc. for the use of Harding Park Golf Course.
RES.NO. 0312-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit applications for eight grants from the Urban Park Act of 2001 under the 2002 Resources bond Act (Proposition 40) in order to fund following acquisitions and capital projects: 100 Valencia Property Acquisition, Eureka Valley Recreation enter, Geneva Office Building/Car Barn, Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center, Palou Phelps Property Acquisition, South of Market Area Park, Sunnyside Conservatory, and Tioga Tucker Site.
RES.NO. 0312-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a rent credit for unforeseen costs associated with the construction of the Beach Chalet deck.
RES.NO. 0312-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept $11,750 gift from Levi Strauss Foundation to support programs and services. These funds were made available to the Department as part of the Levi Strauss & Company's Volunteer Day on October 28,2003.
RES.NO. 0312-014

Patrick Skain stated support to implement the Capital Improvement Plan for Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park because this park has been long neglected. He also stated concerns for the enforcement of the off-leash laws in areas that are not designated

for off-leash use in the capital improvement program. He congratulated the Stern Grove Concert Association for the raising of $10 million for the capital improvement in that area and hoped that some of the money could be used in other areas of the park.

Arnold Levine echoed the previous speaker about Stern Grove and the off-leash dog situation. He stated concerns that the off-leash dog area had no barriers and did not approve of kids getting locked-in instead of dogs. He also stated that revenue could be collected by the enforcement of the off-leash laws and dogs without licenses. He further stated that he was speaking on behalf of Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory and asked the Commission to approve the Proposition 40 funds because they desperately needed the money to start the renovation at Sunnyside Conservatory and turn it into a wonderful neighborhood center.

GENERAL CALENDAR

CAPITAL PLAN/CAPITAL DIVISION'S 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade gave a Capital Plan update as presented in the Capital Division's 2003 Annual Report.

Background: The Charter Amendment passed by the voters as part of the March, 2000 ballot (Proposition C) requires the Department to develop and revise the Capital Plan (City Charter Section 16.107, Park and Recreation and Open Space Fund).

2003 Revision to Capital Plan: The Department's 2003 revisions to the Capital Plan are summarized in the following sections: Goals and Objectives of 2003 Capital Plan Update; Timeline for 2003 Capital Plan Update; Summary of Community Input Process; and Overview of Draft 203 Annual Report - Capital Plan Update.

Goals and Objectives of 2003 Capital Plan Update:
Given the long-range planning needs for parks and facilities planning, RPD proposed the following goals for 2003 Capital Planning:

- Collection and analysis of baseline date based on research themes identified in 2002 Capital Plan Update.
- Initial Analysis of compatible and equitable distribution of capital projects based demographic, service, and program needs.

Timeline for 2003 Capital Plan Update:
The following is a summary of the 2003 Timeline:

- April 2003: RP Capital Division Staff propose process and timeline to PROSAC
- May 2003: RP Capital Division Staff and PROSAC Sub-Committee begin meetings
- June 2003: Data collection and review by RPD
- July 2003: Data collection and review by RPD
- August 2003: Preparation of meeting materials and 2003 Capital Planning Document Community Outreach
- September 2003: Community Workshops and Staff Meeting
- November/December 2003: RP Commission & PROSAC review of the DRAFT 203 Capital Planning Document
- January 2004: Final 2003 Capital Planning Document Published
- March 2004: Approved 2003 Capital Planning Document incorporated into Department's Draft FY 04/05 Capital Budget Request

Summary of Community Input Process:

For the 2003 Capital Plan update, the Department worked with interns to gather data and analyze research themes identified in the 2002 Update. This information was then used to create maps and questionnaires for small group discussions at the September 2003 Park Planning Community Workshops. Four workshops were held throughout the City to:

- Inform the community of current capital improvement projects being performed in their District; and
- Obtain comments from the community on user needs and interests related to long-rage planning.

Capital Division staff reviewed all of the public comments received at the September Workshops. These comments fell into 5 general categories - project related, facility related, community or interest related, policy related and general information. Comments were then incorporated into future research needs for long-range planning and proposed changes to the Capital Plan. In general, three criteria were used (i.e. baseline information existed and/or did not require additional analysis) to update the capital improvement project schedule for the 2003 Capital Plan:

- Finish capital improvement projects underway before starting any new capital projects.
- Balance the active projects in each district across the plan cycle in order to moderate the impacts experienced in any single plan year.
- Schedule projects at a given property concurrently to maximize resources and minimize impacts.

Changes to the Capital Plan:
In general, the Capital Plan document reflects additional narrative on background and history in addition to a list of projects by year and district. In addition, the project list is linked to the Department's property and facility database that will allow for increased reporting and improved presentation of information. The specific changes to the Capital Plan Projects by facility and property are found in the Draft 2003 Annual Report, Chapter III - Capital Plan Update 2003 (FY 2003/04).

Comments on updated Capital Plan in Draft 2003 Annual Report:
The Draft report was distributed to PROSAC members and Recreation and Park Department Executive Staff on 11/19/03 for review and comment. The draft report was also posted on the Department's website on 11/21/03. Between 11/19/03 and 12/5/03, comments were received from two PROSAC members and six Senior Managers.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Commissioner Prozan and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the Commission returned to opened session.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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